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JUSTICE YASHWANT VARMA TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AWAY FROM PUBLIC GAZE

Justice Varma, who was transferred to his parent Allahabad HC, was allegedly administered the oath of office on Saturday in a "clandestine" manner

FALLACIOUS, UNACCEPTABLE: BAR ASSOCIATION

The Allahabad High Court Bar Association, which had opposed the repatriation of the judge from Delhi HC, questioned why his oath was not notified to the Bar and alleged that this act has once again eroded the trust of people in the judicial system. "Legally, the oath administered to Justice Varma is fallacious and unacceptable," said the Bar association

SWORN IN AT CHIEF JUSTICE'S CHAMBER

- An in-house inquiry was ordered by the CJI after sacks of partially burnt currency notes were found in the New Delhi residence of Justice Varma following a fire incident last month, leading to his transfer
- According to sources, Justice Varma was sworn in by Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court Arun Bhansali in his chamber at 9.30 am

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MEMBER PANEL FORMED BY SUPREME COURT TO INQUIRE 'CASH BURN' CASE

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India, Lanka ink first-ever defence cooperation pact

Security of both countries interlinked, co-dependent, says Modi

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA and Sri Lanka on Saturday signed an ambitious defence cooperation pact, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlining a comprehensive roadmap for deeper bilateral ties and highlighting the interconnected security of both nations, a sentiment reciprocated by president Anura Kumara Dissanayake.

The first defence agreement between the two countries serves as an umbrella framework to restructure existing defence cooperation, focusing on enhancing high-level visits, joint exercises, capacity building, exchanges in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), increasing naval port calls, and exploring defence industry cooperation. "We believe we have shared security interests. The security of both countries is interconnected and co-dependent," Modi said after meeting Sri Lankan president Anura Kumara Dissanayake.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a press meet in Colombo Saturday | PTI

The two countries have agreed to work together on the Colombo Security Conclave and Security Cooperation in the Indian Ocean, Modi said.

Dissanayake assured Prime Minister Modi that Sri Lanka will not allow its territory to be used in any way that threatens India's security interests and conveyed to him that Sri Lanka values India's assistance.

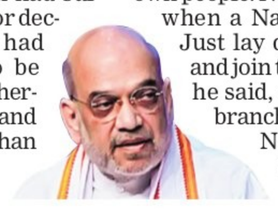
India also signed a trilateral MOU for developing Trincomalee as an energy hub along with the UAE.

Nobody happy when Naxal is killed, says Shah

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday in Dantewada made an appeal to Maoists to surrender and join the mainstream. "Nobody feels happy when a Naxalite is killed," Shah said while reiterating the government's commitment to eliminating left-wing extremism by March 2026.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of Chhattisgarh's Bastar Pandum festival in Dantewada, Shah said the region had suffered from violence for decades, but the time had come for Bastar to be known for its tribal heritage, folk traditions, and development rather than Naxalism.



"The days of bullets and bombs in Bastar are over. I appeal to Naxalite brothers to surrender. You are our own people. No one feels happy when a Naxalite is killed. Just lay down your arms and join the mainstream," he said, offering an olive branch to the outlawed Naxal movement.. Shah emphasised that those who surrender will be fully protected by both the Union and state governments and integrated into the region's development. He said 521 Naxalites surrendered in 2025 following 881 in 2024. Villages aiding surrenders will get ₹1 crore for development, he said, apart from announcing that Bastar Pandum featuring tribal artists will go national next year.

COVID 'SCAM' REPORT

Trouble likely for guilty in Bommai govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

JUSTICE Michael D'Cunha Commission, which probed the alleged irregularities in the procurement of medicines and medical equipment, and deaths due to mismanagement during the COVID-19 pandemic under the BJP rule, presented its second interim report to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah here on Saturday.

There might be recommendations against the guilty in the previous BJP regime headed by former CM Basavaraj Bommai with Dr K Sudhakar as health minister, the sources said.

The seven-volume report runs into 1,808 pages and it covers four zones of BBMP such as Bommanahalli, South, West and Yelahanka, and four districts of Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Gadag and Koppal. The report will be tabled at the next cabinet meeting.

Though the contents of the second report have not been made public, it might have similar findings as in the first.

In the second report, the commission might have mentioned a multi-crore scam and recommended action against those responsible for it, including some top health officials, the sources said.

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EXPRESS READ

Truckers warn of strike from April 15

Bengaluru: Truckers in Karnataka have decided to go on an indefinite strike from April 15 if the state government does not roll back the diesel price hike. Nearly 9 lakh trucks and other vehicles will remain off the roads P7

Country needs UCC, says Karnataka HC

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court requested the Union and state governments to make concerted efforts to enact a law on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) to achieve equality for all women in India as enshrined in the Constitution | P7

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ENRICHING ENVIRONMENT

The Purple Space library is located at Ananth Nagar in Manipal, and is open from **8.45 am** to **6.30 pm**.

Children are encouraged to engage with books beyond the pages, experiment with science beyond textbooks

7,000
With over carefully curated children's books, the library is a literary wonderland for children of all ages

Upcycled items are used as room decor and utility structures at this library

Purple Space in Manipal is more than just a library. It's a hands-on learning hub that nurtures creativity in children, enabling them to rediscover the joys of reading, exploring, and creating

LEARNING BEYOND THE PAGES

Children who have engaged in various activities at Purple Space library in Manipal | EXPRESS

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

WHILE we live in an age where digital screens and devices dominate even childhood, a quiet revolution is unfolding in Manipal, at a place where books, imagination and hands-on learning are fostering positive change. Established in 2018, Purple Space has emerged as a vibrant community hub, dedicated to nurturing creativity, curiosity and lifelong learning in children. More than just a library or activity centre, Purple Space is where young minds break free from the distractions of technology and rediscover the joys of reading, exploring, and creating.

At the heart of its mission is the belief that childhood should be filled with wonder, where stories spark imagination and learning fuels a deep love for knowledge. Here, children are encouraged to engage with books beyond the pages, experiment with science beyond textbooks, and discover art beyond the confines of a classroom. The space encourages an environment where questions are celebrated, mistakes are stepping stones, and learning is a joyful journey rather than a race. With families and educators seeking meaningful alternatives to screen time, Purple Space stands as a beacon of hope, reminding that the magic of childhood thrives best in a world of stories and curiosity.

"Our library boasts of a thoughtfully curated collection of 7,000 books for children of all ages — from timeless classics and engaging picture books to contemporary tales and educational resources. Our selection caters not only to young readers, but also to parents seeking stories that inspire creativity, empathy, and knowledge. At Purple Space, we believe books are doorways to imagination, adventure, agility, and self-discovery," says Purple Space Founder Pallavi Behera.

Purple Space offers storytelling sessions, activity-based workshops, art and craft experiences, and opportunities for unstructured play that encourage creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. Its focus on sustainability and mental well-being is woven into everything it does, helping children and families grow in a nurturing, holistic environment.

Pallavi is also an upcycle artist, who imparts sustainable practices to children at Purple Space. "We are on a mission to help parents and educators shift their mindset, encouraging them to prioritise reading for fun and hands-on learning, over the rigid demands of academics. Through a combination of engaging events, book-centred activities and collaborative community programmes, we give children the tools to explore, imagine and thrive," she says.

"Purple Space is a safe, inspiring space where children can unplug, connect with books, and build a lifelong love for reading," Pallavi further tells TNSE.

GOING ZERO-WASTE AND SUSTAINABLE

To begin with, Pallavi organised a host of activities to attract people towards the initiative, and soon, many began walking into the space and picking up books, and the children followed. Events such as Insect Week, where different types of the tiny critters were studied using a magnifying glass, and Dinosaur Week, where models of the prehistoric creatures were made with paper, fascinated children.

With books the children were reading, their vocabulary also improved. "Children should be given the space, without any pressure. Even in the library, they are allowed to jump around, as they are not expected to sit in one place for long. Their mind is not in that process," she says.

Purple Space has a zero-waste policy. Upcycled items are used as room decor and to make utility structures. "I procured a lot of items from different places. For instance, our book shelves are made from old vegetable crates, sourced from local vegetable shops," Pallavi adds.

Parents are also elated by the work done by Purple Space. Prasenjit Sarkar, a parent, says the place has a homely vibe. "That's why I send my child here," he reiterates. Besides, children get to learn to grow their own plants in the garden here, and they also watch butterflies fluttering around.

Pallavi is treading a road less-travelled. Her children, including her 16-year-old daughter and 12-year-old son, are home-schooled. She concludes by saying that in future, community living will be the answer to all problems, and engaging experiences in learning will be the stepping stone.

Gadag villagers show interest in speaking Sanskrit

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

SANSKRIT spoken classes in rural areas are getting good responses. The Sanskrit Bharati team in Gadag have now planned to organise Sanskrit spoken classes in rural areas after the successful camps at Gadag town. The team has an idea to make several Sanskrit speaking villages in Gadag. Recently, spoken classes were held at Kurtakoti village near Gadag. The team did not expect a crowd, but nearly 30 villagers including seniors, youth, women and children joined the camp and now they are speaking Sanskrit slowly every day. The team is organising free Sanskrit spoken classes in both rural and urban areas.

This is not the first time that Sanskrit Bharati organised free Sanskrit speaking courses. The organisation has been organising free spoken classes for the many years. But surprisingly, these classes in rural areas got a good response. The reasons cannot be ascertained as it depends on many factors. But some villagers also opined that many villagers became busy in learning Sanskrit and they started reading Sanskrit books and stopped watching serials and mobile videos.

The Sanskrit Bharati team first started a free Sanskrit spoken camp at Vivekanandanagar in Gadag last year. A teacher Kirankumar Aralikatti attracted all students by his style of speaking Sanskrit. It got a good response and there were kids, women, seniors who joined and learnt Sanskrit speaking. The team of teachers from Sanskrit Bharati inspired the learners to speak Sanskrit daily and try to teach others. On the last day of the camp, many learners gave a small speech in Sanskrit and thanked the team in Sanskrit.

This gave an idea of organising such camps and people are now interested in learning new languages. The Sanskrit Bharati team organised two more camps in Gadag till December and both camps got good response. A team member and Gadag Zilla Bhasha Samyojak Mounesh Bhajatri planned to organise such camps in rural areas to make Sanskrit speaking villages in Gadag. He went to Kurtakoti and met a leader, Appanna Inamati. Appanna showed interest and told the local administration to help organise a spoken class in a small village like Kurtakoti. On the first day, 18 villagers joined the classes and on the second day the number crossed 30. The villagers also demanded to organise a second level course now.

The team conducted classes in Kanavi Hosur villages recently. The villagers like Manjunath Kalyani and others helped the organisers to conduct classes. Now nearly 30 villagers are learning in Kanavi and the course will be completed in the second week of April.

After seeing the Sanskrit craze, people from other taluks are contacting the Sanskrit Bharati team to organise speaking courses in their villages. Now the team is planning to organise camps at more than 15 villages in April and want to cross 50 villages in a span of six months. State Organising Secretary Lakshminarayan in the first session last year said that the students and teachers should spread Sanskrit in every house of the State and people should start speaking in Sanskrit language. Students of Kurtakoti village, Virat Adarakatti and Uma Bhajantri said, "Earlier we thought that the classes would be boring and we planned to sit in one session and leave. But the first day the teacher started teaching classes with fun and Sanskrit language is so sweet that we never discontinued classes. We used to take Kannada and English words while speaking Sanskrit and others used to laugh at the same. We took it as a challenge and now we can speak Sanskrit to some extent".

Sanskrit wave in rural areas

As villagers attended four sessions, they started speaking in Sanskrit at grocery shops, pan shops and in small hotels. The villagers also started replying in Sanskrit and a wave started in the rural areas like Kurtakoti and Kanavi. The local leaders were also happy with this development and they have told the staff to organise more speaking classes for other villagers too.

Saskhi Patil, Shravani, Radha, Raksha and other students said, "Many students of our age are busy with tuition and homework and mobiles. But we are happy that we learnt Sanskrit this year. It was a nice session. Our parents are very happy as we learnt a new language."

Mounesh Bhajantri, district camp coordinator from Sanskrit Bharati said, "We are getting good responses from rural areas. We have planned to organise many such camps in different villages of Gadag district. Villagers should converse in Sanskrit in their daily activities and we should save and spread Sanskrit and we also have plans to cover 50 villages in a span of six months."

Gadag district Sanskrit teacher Shivamurteppa Shivashimpiger said, "We got a good response from rural areas. Now we are planning to reach more villages in the coming days".

Sanskrit spoken classes in Kurtakoti village near Gadag town | EXPRESS

'Recruiters must offer fair, dignified pay to job-seekers'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

URGING employers to go beyond providing jobs, Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, Minister for Medical Education and Skill Development, stressed the importance of offering fair and dignified pay to job-seekers. Speaking at the 'Udyoga Utsava 2025', organised by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) on Saturday, the minister said that employers must adopt a humanitarian approach when fixing wages so employees can live with dignity.

"Those working in urban centres like Bengaluru, Mysuru, and Mangaluru need more than just survival wages. Without fair pay, many workers are forced to return to their native towns and stay unemployed. Employers must ensure wages that allow a life of dignity," the minister said.

To address unemployment and create global opportunities for the state's youth, minister Patil further announced that the government would host a special overseas job fair in the next three months exclusively for nurses and paramedical professionals. The minister announced a mega job fair in Kalaburagi on April 16, followed by similar regional job fairs in Mysuru, Hubballi, and Belagavi. "The issue is not just unemployment — it is a skill gap. We are working on integrating skill-based education across universities and will also establish multi-skill development centres in Kalaburagi, Koppal, and Mysuru," Patil said.

Countries such as Germany, Japan, and Italy are seeing a rising demand for Indian healthcare workers, but many health professionals struggle to access these jobs due to language barriers. "To bridge this gap, the government has already announced plans to introduce German, Japanese, and Italian language courses in nursing colleges across Karnataka," the minister added.

Dr EV Ramana Reddy, Chairperson of the Skill Development Authority and retired Additional Chief Secretary, who was speaking among FKCCI president MG Balakrishna, Chairman of FKCCI's Skill Development Committee Abhishek BA, and others highlighted that 85% of graduates lack essential skills due to the current focus on formal education. "Job fairs like these help align skill development programs with industry needs. We are now expanding this focus beyond Bengaluru," he said.

BBMP to begin awareness drives in 8 zones to avoid dog bites

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

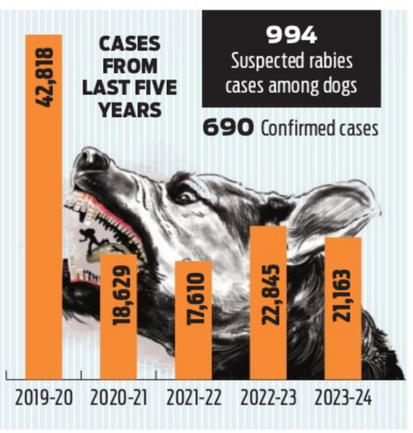
WITH 21,163 cases of dog bites in 2024 and 4,397 cases in January and February this year, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Animal Husbandry department is all set for Information Education and Communication (IEC) activity across eight zones of palike to bring awareness among the public to avoid dog bites.

The palike had already held an awareness camp in 150 palike schools and raised awareness among 32,132 students and explained the do's and don'ts among the students.

"The palike will begin its intensive IEC activity in the next ten days and will hold camps across eight zones. NGOs also have been roped in for the awareness program," said Suralkar Vikar Kishore, Special Commissioner, BBMP Health Department.

DOG BITE CASES SINCE JAN 2025

Bommanahalli	268
Dasarahalli	210
East	665
Mahadevpura	471
RR Nagar	658
South	468
West	1555
Yelahanka	102
Total	**4397**



The doctors and staff from BBMP Veterinary Department say that children shouldn't play with animals unless they are accompanied by elders or adults. "Staring or provoking animals will enrage the animals. One should not throw stones or chase the dogs. Do not run when a dog chases, instead stay calm and call for help. Do not tease the dog even if it is a pet. When there is a gathering at home, the animal must be confined to a shed or a cell with enough food and water. Never try to feed or approach a stray dog," said Dr Chandraiah, Joint Director, BBMP Animal Husbandry Department.

This apart, the doctors from the BBMP say, that if a person is bitten by a dog, he or she must immediately inform the family members. The injured person should wash the wound with soap and water within 15 minutes, and get treatment including the anti-rabies injunction.

The owners have been told by BBMP to confirm the vaccination status and get the pet examined regularly. Also, get the pet sterilised to reduce aggression.

For the community dogs, the BBMP advises the feeders and caretakers to get them vaccinated and feed responsibly and appeals not to dispose of waste as this results in attracting and breeding.

SOMANNA INSPECTS ROAD OVER BRIDGE

Bengaluru: Union Minister of State for Railways V Somanna inspected the ongoing construction work of a new road over bridge (ROB) No. 431 between Padarayanapura and Hosahalli in Bengaluru on Saturday. The construction is taken up at a cost of Rs 12 crore to replace the existing old ROB, which has completed its codal life. The new ROB with a single span of 42 meters using bowstring steel girder will provide connectivity between the Vijayanagar and Mysuru Road. Somanna also inspected the Krishnadevaraya Halt Station and Nayandahalli Station. He interacted with the public and received their requests and grievances. Bangalore South MP Tejasvi Surya, Bengaluru Divisional Railway Manager Amitesh Kumar Sinha, Chief Engineer of Construction Prem Narayan and other officials were present during the inspection.

EPSI hosts national conference on AI

Bengaluru: The Education Promotion Society of India (EPSI) hosted a national conference on "The Global Race for AI & Role of Higher Education Institutions for Making India a Global Player" at Bhopal. This event aimed to unite thought leaders, policymakers, educators, and innovators to discuss strategies for positioning India as a future global leader in artificial intelligence (AI). The conference explored the transformative role of higher education institutions in nurturing talent, driving research, and fostering innovation that propels India's AI ambitions. Dr. M R Jayaram, President, EPSI & Chancellor, Ramaiah University, said, "Higher education institutions have a pivotal role in shaping India's AI journey. This conference is a step forward in empowering our institutions to lead the way in research and talent development, ensuring India's place on the global AI map."

A 34-year-old man died by suicide due to lender harassment at Andrahalli within the Byadarahalli police station limits on Friday. The deceased Purushotham, a native of Ramanagara, had health issues, had quit his job and was staying at home. In his death note, he named four people. Purushotham worked as an auto driver and later in a private company before quitting. Further investigations are on.

Ghibli style art trend raises privacy concerns

Uploaded images can be stored indefinitely, used to train AI and to create deepfakes

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN the wake of the rising Ghibli-style photo trend — Japanese-style animated portraits, cybercrime police officials warn that these platforms have potential to collect and steal personal data and sending it to unknown third-party servers.

These AI-based platforms request access to more than just the camera — including microphone, contact list, photo gallery, and even permission to run in the background. Some may go further, with embedded code that tracks how users type.

Police said, the combination of personal inputs and wide-ranging permissions, especially on apps hosted outside India with unknown privacy terms, makes users vulnerable to profiling, targeted scams, and long-term data misuse.

Vineet Kumar, Founder and Global President of CyberPeace, said, the rising trend is not just about AI taking over artists but also the misuse of the technology, creation of unauthorised content, deepfakes, and copyright violations. There is also the risk of AI misinterpreting prompts, which can result in inappropriate images, he said. A senior police official explained to TNIE that once a user grants access and uploads a photo, the app starts pulling data linked to the device.

The uploaded image can be stored indefinitely and used to train even other AI models without user's consent. "In some cases, facial features can be extracted to create digital identities and deepfakes. Apps that request access to contacts or microphones run silent background activity — all without the user's knowledge," the officer said, adding that these apps don't always perform the function they promise — they are often just a front to collect personal information. "While the interface may appear harmless, these platforms use deceptive code and permissions to bypass phone security, making it easy for attackers to build detailed user profiles for fraud or surveillance," the official added.

WHAT IS GHIBLI ART?

Ghibli art is a style of pictures familiar to Studio Ghibli - a Japanese animation studio. The pictures shows soft colours, hand-drawn animation.

Following the trend, there is an increase in AI apps and websites. Some of them even contain keyboard fingerprinting — code that tracks how a person types, including speed and typing errors. This can be used to crack passwords or mimic login behaviour and also plant tracking cookies or malicious code that continues to operate even after the app is deleted.

In some cases, photos uploaded are cross-referenced with publicly available databases to link one's image with their social media or digital footprint, which can then be sold to data brokers or used for targeted fraud, the officer said.

TO THE RESCUE

Firefighters try to douse a fire that spread to trees and vehicles parked in front of the East DCP Office on Station Road in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

4 arrested in Banashankari club robbery

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BANASHANKARI police have arrested four out of six accused of robbery targeting Bengaluru Vihara Kendra club members.

One of the accused is a rowdy sheeter with cases registered against in Bannerghatta and Adugodi police station.

The robbery took around 6.30 pm on 31 March. The gang, who wore masks and hats, had attacked nearly 13 members of the club, situated in Banashankari II stage near the party office of a senior BJP leader. The victims were reportedly gambling by playing cards and with a few lakhs of bet.

The accused escaped with around Rs 10 lakhs in cash and nearly 700 grams of gold ornaments worn by the victims.

After attacking the members who were drunk, they also made them undress. One of the victims had even sustained serious injuries. The arrested are Praveen, his associates Manohar, Srikanth and Satish. Action was taken based on a complaint filed by one Ramesh. Lokesh Jagalsar, DCP (South) said, "The search for the other two accused are still on". The victims are said to be from Hosur and few of them had come with their family members.

Man kills wife over suspicion of infidelity

ENS @Bengaluru

A 43-year-old man was arrested for allegedly satbbing his wife to death over suspicion of infidelity on a public road in Electronics City police station limits on Friday.

The deceased Sharada,38, was working as a maid. She had left her husband Krishnappa four years back and had come to the city from Bagepalli in Chikkaballapura district.

The couple had two children. Sharada lived with her daughter in a rented house in Chikkathoguru. Krishnappa worked as a loader in a vegetable market in Bagepalli with his son.According to police, Krishnappa had purchased two knives to commit the murder. Passers-by chased and caught hold of him when he tried to escape.

HULIMAVU BADMINTON COACH HELD FOR RAPING MINOR PLAYER

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 26-year-old badminton coach was arrested on Thursday for allegedly raping a 16-year-old girl at a sports centre in Hulimavu police limits.

The incident came to light after the girl's grandmother found some nude photos sent to an unknown number from her (grandmother's) mobile phone. The girl's grandmother alerted her parents immediately.

The accused has been identified as Balaji Suresh of Tamil Nadu. He was booked under the POCSO Act based on a complaint by the girl's mother. Suresh was remanded in police custody for eight days.

A senior police officer said the girl enrolled for badminton coaching two years ago. Suresh allegedly sexually abused and harassed her on several occasions. After her SSLC exam, she went to her grandmother's house. On March 30, she sent her nude photos from her grandmother's mobile phone to the coach.

The girl revealed that she was taken to the coach's house several times. During interrogation, the accused confessed that he sexually abused her several times at his house. He also confessed that he had taken her nude photos. The police also found photographs of eight other girls on his phone.

Duo on bike molests woman

A young woman, who was on her way home, was stopped and inappropriately touched and verbally abused by two unidentified men on Hennur Main Road on Wednesday.

The woman has filed a police complaint. The woman was returning home around 4.30 pm when the duo followed her on a two-wheeler. After intercepting her scooter, they started touching her inappropriately. When passersby tried to catch the duo, they brandished a knife and fled the spot.

EXPRESS READ

Vegetable vendor stabbed for asking bikers to slow down

Bengaluru: A 32-year-old vegetable vendor was stabbed after he asked a group of bikers to slow down. The incident took place near Kamalanagar, within the Basaveshwaranagar police station limits, last Tuesday. The deceased Chiranjeevi, was a resident of Bovi Colony. The police said that, at around 11 am on April 1 when Chiranjeevi was heading home after delivering mutton curry to his mother-in-law's house in Laggere, a group of bikers rode past him recklessly. When he asked them to slow down, they took offence. Following an altercation, they pulled out a knife and stabbed him. They fled the scene after the incident.

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No: 01/2025-26 Date: 05-04-2025

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Date : 03.04.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
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The state government has defied all the aspirations of Dr BR Ambedkar, who opposed religion-based reservation, said BJP MP Govind Karjol on Saturday. He added that Ambedkar had stated that a religion-based reservation system should not be implemented. However, the Congress government in the state is working exactly opposite to his thoughts

WE'VE BEEN SUBJECTED TO INJUSTICE ON CAUVERY: HDK

Says while TN MPs stand united, legislators from Karnataka choose to play politics

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNION Minister for Steel HD Kumaraswamy on Saturday lashed out at the state government for taking a dual stand on the Mekedatu project. He lamented that not a single MLA or minister from Karnataka met him to discuss the Mekedatu project after he became union minister.

At a workshop and seminar on the "Sharing of Cauvery River Water", organised by the Cauvery River Protection Committee in Bengaluru, he said, "We have been subjected to injustice on Cauvery. Our state has always been left behind. Time and again, neighbouring states have benefited more than us. There is no unity among Kannadigas even in matters related to water."

He said the government is building dams using tax-payers' money, but releasing water to Tamil Nadu. Taking a dig at Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, he said, "They go on padayatra, saying 'our water is our right', while their stand remains contradictory."

He said, "Our relationship with Tamil Nadu's DMK is limited to politics. We have not entered into any political agreement with them regarding Mekedatu." He said, "With the population of Bengaluru growing, there may come a time when even if we release all the water from KRS dam, it won't be enough for the capital city's drinking water needs."

Kumaraswamy said he had promised during the election that if he is elected from Mandya, he will get the Centre's approval for Mekedatu within five minutes and asked Shivakumar to get approval from his ally's government in Tamil Nadu.

Union minister HD Kumaraswamy at a press meet at the JDS office in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

On Tamil Nadu's united approach, he said, "Whenever Cauvery is discussed in Parliament, all Tamil Nadu MPs set aside political differences and unite. But what happens in our state? We bring politics, caste and division into everything. When it comes to land, water and language, we must put politics and differences aside. Otherwise, we will never get justice for Karnataka."

Nirmalanandanatha Swami of Adichunchanagiri Math, Leader of Opposition R Ashoka, former Supreme Court judge Justice V Gopala Gowda, MP Dr CN Manjunath, former IAS officer T Thimmegowda, former MLC KA Tippeswamy, Cauvery River Protection Committee president HK Ramu and Permanent Irrigation Struggle Committee president R Anjaneya Reddy were present.

Don't provoke me, I've proof to expose you, HDK dares DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNION Steel and Heavy Industries Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Saturday launched a tirade against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, warning them of exposing their wrongdoings.

"I have tonnes of material. I am telling this government not to provoke me," the former CM told the media here. " He (Shivakumar) claimed that he has no connection with Ballari. How many companies he had? Seven firms! As the urban development minister in 2003-04, how many letters he wrote to MD of Mysuru Minerals and the mining minister? Which grade of iron ore he looted? I have all such documentary evidence," he said, hitting out at the DCM. "The DCM is provoking me. He is targeting me with political vengeance. Can I remain silent? I will expose each and every one of his scandals. He is the kingpin of all these scams. From this moment, I declare war on this government," the Union minister said. He accused Shivakumar of trying to give the BBMP solid waste management contract for 30 years to a person from Chennai. The plan was to receive Rs 15,000 crore as commission, he alleged. "After I raised the issue, they reduced it from Rs 6,500 per tonne of waste collection, to Rs 3,000 per tonne," he said.

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> HD Kumaraswamy, Union minister

Rubbishing allegations of encroaching land, the former CM said he bought land in Bidadi 40 years ago. But now, officials are being misused to fuel politics of vengeance in the state. "I'm the son of a former prime minister, I've been chief minister twice. Do I need to encroach four acres? If I've encroached anything, let them release the records. These people in power are spreading false narratives. Kumaraswamy isn't afraid of any of this. No one's in power forever," he said.

Meanwhile, Kumaraswamy also alleged that the CM was involved in the MUDA scam. "The chief minister's close relative had applied for the de-notification of 15 sites. The signature in that application was forged," he added. He said the application carries the term 'DCM' written in English. Siddaramaiah was the deputy chief minister at that time. The FSL report on this is included in the Lokayukta report, the Union minister said.

Proper probe will reveal truth, says Ponnanna

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

"PROPER investigation will bring out the truth. But BJP does not want an investigation as it is interested only in politicising the issue," said Virajpet MLA AS Ponnanna here on Saturday.

He condoled the death of BJP worker Vinay Somaiah, who died by suicide in Bengaluru. In his death note, Vinay named Ponnanna and Madikeri MLA Mantar Gowda, but the police have refused to name them in the FIR.

"It is shameful that BJP is playing politics over a dead body. BJP protesters said they will not let the family conduct the final rites without the FIR being booked. Instead of taking the body to Vinay's hometown, they brought it to Kushalnagar to gain political mileage," he said.

"Congress worker Thennira Mahina filed a complaint. I was not aware of it. When police refused to file an FIR initially, Mahina approached the court. He stated that his religious sentiments were hurt because of a derogatory post in a WhatsApp group, for which Vinay was administrator. The police filed the FIR only after that," he explained.

Mantar Gowda said Vinay tagged him in a WhatsApp message in a group in November last year and had spoken of Kushalnagar hospital. "I called Vinay and said the problem will be addressed. After that, I did not have any contact with him."

BJP worker's suicide: Party holds massive protest in Kushalnagar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

KUSHALNAGAR in Kodagu on Saturday witnessed massive protests by BJP workers, led by their state-level leaders. They wanted the police to file an FIR against two MLAs of Kodagu, whose names were mentioned in the death note left behind by BJP worker Vinay Somaiah, who committed suicide in Bengaluru on Friday.

Over 400 police personnel stood guard even as several BJP leaders, including BJP state president BY Vijayendra, were arrested and later released. Vijayendra, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and former MP Prathap Simha gathered in front of the Kushalnagar Community Health Centre and sat on a dharna. The body of Vinay Somaiah was brought in an ambulance and protesters marched on the Kudige-Kushalnagar Road in front of the community health centre and Kushalnagar police station. They demanded that the police register an FIR against the two sitting MLAs of Kodagu -- CM's legal advisor and Virajpet MLA AS Ponanna and Madikeri MLA Mantar Gowda.

"Vinay Somaiah was an active BJP worker. We will not budge from here till the names of the MLAs are mentioned in the FIR. The police must not fall prey to political pressure," Vijayendra said.

"A citizen is criminalised for questioning administrative failures. Isn't this Tughlaq Rule? We all know what happened in the suicide cases of contractor Sachin Panchala and government officer Chandrashekar. This must not be repeated in Vinay's case," he said.

He urged the Bengaluru police to take permission from the magistrate to file the FIR against Ponnanna and Mantar. He said, "Police stations across the state are turning into Congress offices. Our worker committed suicide because of pressure from the MLAs. Despite stay orders, our worker was exploited by the police."

The protest intensified when Vinay's body was being shifted to his hometown Gonimaruru. Preventive arrests were made and BJP leaders, including Vijayendra, Yaduveer Wadiyar, Prathap Simha, former MLA KG Bopaiah, were taken into police custody and later released. The leaders visited Vinay's house in Gonimaruru and took part in the final rites.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, and other BJP leaders hold a protest in Kushalnagar on Saturday | EXPRESS

Chief minister, home minister hold discussion

BENGALURU: Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Saturday called on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at his official residence Cauvery and discussed the issue of BJP worker Vinay Somaiah committing suicide. BJP has alleged that CM's legal advisor AS Ponnanna, who is Virajpet MLA, abetted the suicide and has warned of taking to the streets against the Congress government. The strategies to tackle the issue were discussed as Ponnanna has said he did not know who Vinay was. BJP has alleged that besides Ponnanna, another Congress MLA Mantar Gowda of Madikeri was also involved in abetting the suicide. They have demanded that the FIR should mention the names of both MLAs. Siddaramaiah and Parameshwara may have also discussed the former's visit to New Delhi | ENS

EXPRESS READ

₹77 cr swindled from sugar factory, charges filed, says minister

BELAGAVI: Referring to the theft of sugar worth Rs 77 crore at the cooperative sugar factory in MK Hubballi, Belagavi district, Sugar Minister **Shivanand Patil** on Saturday said an investigation into the matter has already been conducted, and a chargesheet has been filed against the accused. The court has issued an interim order in the case, Patil added. He added that sometimes, interim orders by the court can delay proceedings, but the authorities will also take action against those involved in the scam. When reporters asked Patil about locals opposing minister Laxmi Hebbalkar wanting to construct a new sugar plant, called 'Mrinal Sugar Factory', in Dharwad, he clarified, "We have not received any official complaints regarding this. If a complaint is filed, a proper investigation will be conducted."

Christians hail passage of Waqf Amendment Bill

BENGALURU: Former chairman of the Karnataka Christian Development Council J Kennedy Shanthkumar and several other members of the Christian community in Karnataka termed the Waqf Amendment Bill as a progressive move by the Union Government. Appreciating the Centre on the passage of the Waqf Amendment Bill in Parliament, they said it would help contain the undue powers of the Waqf Act, 1995, which was not in accordance with the Constitution and its secular values. The move helps in fostering harmony between all communities in society, said Shanthkumar. Members of the Christian community also appreciated the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) for acknowledging the plight of the people of Munambam in Kerala and supporting the Waqf Amendment Bill.

'Commission for prosecution of former CM Yediyurappa'

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IN the first report, the commission mentioned administrative lapses in procurement of medical items, including consumables, masks, ventilators and incubators worth Rs 918.34 crore between 2019 and 2023. PPE kits were procured at inflated rates, above Rs 2,000 per unit, from some Chinese companies. In the 1,722-page first report submitted to the government, the commission looked into medical procurement worth Rs 6,651 crore. The commission reportedly recommended prosecution of former CM BS Yediyurappa and former health minister B Sriramulu. The commission was formed on August 25, 2023, to probe the alleged irregularities to the tune of Rs 7,000 crore. It submitted its first report on August 31. On November 14, 2024, the Siddaramaiah cabinet decided to order a probe by a SIT into the alleged scam.

Waqf Act: Ripple effects could cause discomfiture to Siddu govt

THE stormy debates in both Houses of Parliament over the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which aims to bring transparency to the management of Waqf properties, may have ripple effects on state politics. It would cause discomfiture to the ruling dispensation if the Centre decides to act on a report on the alleged misuse of Waqf lands in Karnataka.

The debates in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha put the focus back on a 13-year-old report by the then chairman of the Karnataka State Minorities Commission (KSMC), Anwar Manippady. The March 2012 report alleged that large-scale encroachment of Waqf properties in the state was gathering dust all these years and was almost forgotten. The report given to the state government termed the alleged irregularities as the "biggest scam" in Karnataka and observed that over Rs 2 lakh crore worth of Waqf properties were either sold or encroached upon, and the irregularities were allegedly supported by influential political/elected representatives. It even named several politicians.

Earlier this week, during the parliamentary debates, BJP lawmakers, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, cited the Manippady report to drive home their point on the alleged mismanagement of Waqf lands and the need to bring in a transparent system to protect them. In the Rajya Sabha, BJP MP Dr Radha Mohan Das Agarwal read out parts of the report, naming some Congress leaders. Prior to that, the report was presented to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), which looked into various aspects of the Bill before it was tabled.

The allegations by BJP leaders faced a strong pushback from Congress members in both Houses of Parliament. While taking into consideration the observations made in the report, due process of law has to be followed to take the allegations to a logical conclusion.

The Manippady report had recommended a thorough probe into the alleged wrongdoings. However, not much progress has been made in all these years. Now that the report is in the domain of the Central Government, and was placed on the floor of the House by the MPs, it has brought the report back into public discourse.

Those in the state government, who were closely following the developments related to the passage of the Bill, are of the view that after the report was discussed in Parliament, the Centre can act on it. According to them, there are plenty of options, including writing to the Governor directing him to initiate action, which he deems fit.

It is not clear if the Centre will pursue the report on the alleged irregularities in Karnataka. However, Manippady, who prepared the report recommending measures to protect Waqf lands, opines that it will be done and all those involved in it will be held accountable. "I kept it alive for 12 years. I knew someday it was going to open up, and lots of heads were going to roll," says Manippady after the Bill was passed.

If the Centre decides to act on the report, it could put the Congress and the Siddaramaiah government in Karnataka in a tight spot, as many of those named in it are from the Congress. Neither the Congress nor the BJP governments had taken any concrete measures on the report in over a decade.

In December last year, during the debate in the Assembly, the government stated that as per the records, 1.12 lakh acres is Waqf land, but the Waqf Board is left with just 20,054 acres. Around 73,000 acres are with farmers through the Inam Abolition and Land Reforms Act. Last year, notices were issued to several farmers concerning Waqf lands. After protests by farmers and Opposition parties, the government was forced to direct the officials to withdraw the notices. That episode had caused a major embarrassment to the state government, even prompting the JPC's visit to some districts.

Waqf land has always been a prickly issue for the Siddaramaiah government. The Assembly had passed a resolution against the Waqf Bill during the recent session of the state legislature, terming it a violation of the fundamental principles of the Constitution.

One has to wait and see how the Congress government in the state responds to and implements the new Act after the Centre rolls out the reforms.

HC directs govt to form panel to probe police action on Panchamasalis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ACTING on a petition filed by Sri Jagadguru Basava Jayamrityunjay Swamiji and three others against the police lathicharge on Panchamasali Lingayats who were protesting for reservation, the High Court of Karnataka has directed the state government to constitute a commission of inquiry to probe the incident in Belagavi on December 10, 2024. The commission has to submit its report within three months from the date of its formation.The inquiry cannot be conducted by any state agency as police officers themselves have been accused of assaulting the petitioners. Therefore, in the considered view, the entire fulcrum of the lis becomes a classic illustration where an appointment of a commission of inquiry, one man or a multi-member, under the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, needs to be constituted to probe the police action against the petitioners, Justice M Nagaprasanna said in his order. "While the protestors were lathicharged, the reason for the lathicharge is missing in both pendrives. Therefore, the reason for the incident is required to be thrashed out if the guilty have to be brought to book," the court said, adding that other reliefs sought by the petitioners would be based on the report of the inquiry commission. The court noted that the advocate general made a feigned attempt to submit that the protestors were drunk and in such an inebriated state that the aggression had happened. It is surprising that a statement of this kind is made when legislators, the pontiff and other leaders were among the protesters. Therefore, the factors would undoubtedly require an inquiry, the court said. The court stated that the elaborate statement of objections filed by the state alleging that the swamjiji started proceeding towards the national highway, no heed was paid to the requests of police personnel, the protestors started removing barricades and the additional director general of police (Law and Order) had no other option, but to resort to lathicharge after imposing Section 144 had no supporting documents. The protest appeared to be peaceful in the beginning. What happened later should be probed, as a public meeting that was held prior to the protest was attended by some legislators, the court said.

Rajnath flags off expedition for peace drill with 9 friendly nations

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS
@ Seabird Naval Base, Karwar

IN what is considered a red letter day in the maritime history of India, the Navy's Offshore Patrol Vessel (NOPV) INS Sunayna on Saturday set sail on a historic expedition from INS Kadamba naval base, Karwar for a maiden maritime exercise involving nine friendly nations of Asia and Africa. The drill aims for better coordination, cooperation and prosperity among participating countries.

The expedition -- part of Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) Sagar (Security and Growth for All in the Region) -- was flagged off by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The exercise will see the participation of Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Tanzania.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flags off the expedition at INS Kadamba Naval Base in Karwar on Saturday | EXPRESS

The expedition is considered to be beneficial to all nations in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), said Singh. "IOS Sagar is a reflection of India's commitment to peace, prosperity and collective security in the maritime domain. It does not involve just the security and national interest of India, but also focuses on mutual benefits -- equality of rights and duties of our friendly nations in the IOR. The friendly nations need not fear being suppressed. Their interests will be protected and sovereignty not compromised," he said.

He appreciated the role of the Navy in preventing piracy and hijacking of ships in the Indian Ocean, saying, "The Navy ensures security of not just Indian Ships, but also friendly nations to ensure peace and stability in the region."

Singh said Prime Minister's Narendra Modi, during his visit to Mauritius, referred to the shift from 'Sagar' to Mahasagar (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions). It is time to strengthen Sagar vision, he added.

INS Sunayna has 44 crew members -- Navy personnel from nine countries trained at Kochi. During the exercise, they will be trained in firefighting, damage control, search and seizure, bridge operations, seamanship, engine room management, switchboard operations and boat handling.

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Laying of Foundation Stone for
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Sri. Sri. AMAL MAITI** and **Sir.JAYANTA KUMAR MAITY** are the sole and absolute owners in respect of Property bearing No.51, Old PID.No.47-114-51, Presently EPID No.1381557001, Situated at Cubbonpet, Main Road, Corporation Division Old No.42, Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward No.47, Presently Dharmarayaswamy Temple Ward No.119, Bangalore-560 002, measuring Three Ankana's or On North to South on Western Side approximately 4.75 meters, On North to South on the Eastern side approximately 4.50 meters and East to West approximately 5.5 meters, In all 24.75 Sq. meters or 266.4 Square Feet, along with constructed building thereon and the same is their self acquired property and have purchased the above property on dated 23.08.2018, in Book-I, registered as document No.2808/2018-19, stored in C.D.No.GAND 313, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar Gandhinagar, Bangalore.

My clients took all original documents from their home on 26-03-2025, at morning 11.30 am, for the purpose of taking Xerox copy. While walking from their home to Cubbonpet Main Road, in the above registered Original Sale deed the original page No.6 was misplaced / fell down somewhere in the road and who got lost original page No.6, in the said sale deed.

My clients seriously searched and enquired to trace the lost original page No.6 of the said sale deed which is missing until the same could not tracing/found.

My clients have lodge the complaint on 04.04.2025, before Karnataka State Police Department (U/s 155 Crpc) lost article report loss of property/ documents bearing serial No.1550861.

Hence, I request on behalf of my clients to general public, if anyone

found the above original page No.6, in the above sale deed please

deliver under mentioned address as soon as possible.

Sri. S. LOKANATHA, Advocate
No.2, H.H.S & H.M.S Complex,Chamber No.10, 2nd Floor, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore – 560 002.
Mo.No.**98440 88192 / 93437 88112**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.

I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/5054/8443/4059/2025-26/25

Dated:04.04.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) Total 7 works, As per standard bid documents KW- 3 & 4 with 5054-SH and MDR Improvements, 8443 DC, 4059 DB head of account costing of amount for Rs. 500.00 Lakhs to Rs.56.50 Lakhs, the EMD amount of Rs. 7,50,000.00 to 56,500.00 for the works. For above work G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor separately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows 1) Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors Date: 05.04.2025 at 11.00 AM 2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date- 21.04.2025 upto 4.30 PM. 3) Opening of Technical Bid Date-22.04.2025 at 4.31 PM. 4) Opening of Financial Bid Date-23.04.2025 at 4.30 AM. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918046010000 ,+918068948777) or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Vijayapur

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e-TENDER NOTICE NO. C-SG-PT-HDN-PMS-01, Dated 02.04.2025

PUB/0344

Dy. CSTE/Projects/Tele/SC acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Tender Number and Date: C-SC-PT-HDN-PMS-01 dated 02.04.2025, **Name of work:** Appointment of Authority Engineer for Providing Project Management Services for "Ground Infrastructure Works for provision of Kavach and 4G LTE-R in High Density Network of South Central Railway", **Estimated Project Cost:** Rs. 7,49,85,775.79, **Bid Security:** Rs.3,74,900.00, **Completion Period of Work:** 24 Months, **Bid Closing Date (Bid Due Date):** 02.05.2025 at 15:00 hrs, **Bid Opening Date:** 02.05.2025 after 15:00 hrs, **Validity of Offer:** 120 Days from Bid Closing Date, **Cost of Tender Booklet:** Rs.0.00

All bidding is in Indian Railway e-tendering portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** Manual offers are not allowed against this tender.

Dy. CSTE/Projects/Tele/ Secunderabad

Open e-Tender Notice No. DRM/Works/SC/29-46/ 2025/OT, Dt: 03.04.2025

PUB/0348

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works **up to 14.00 hours on dt: 02.05.2025**

S.No:- 1., e-Tender No.:- 29_CO_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** SW 1) Secunderabad: Maintenance of residual chlorine in drinking water at Secunderabad Railway station for a period of 24 months. SW 2) Hyderabad: Maintenance of residual chlorine in drinking water at Hyderabad Railway station for a period of 24 months., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 15,22,483/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 30,500/-, **Completion period in Months:** 24, **Maintenance period in Months:** Nil

S.No:- 2., e-Tender No.:- 30_CR_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** SC-KZJ section (DEN/C/SC): Provision of boundary wall of along the track for 130 kmph & above for 28.16 Kms Boundary length at various stations (Phase-II). (Two packet system)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 32,93,87,987/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 17,97,000/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 3., e-Tender No.:- 31_CR_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** SW-1) SNF-MLY section: SW 1) Shifting of steel overhead tank into other location a part of Re-alignment of curve and P&C approaches from OHE BPL/12 to OHE BPL /32 on line between MLY goods Cabin and MLY gate cabin. SW 2) Re- alignment of curve and P&C approaches from OHE BPL/12-32 on line between MLY goods Cabin and MLY gate cabin., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 2,09,23,799/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 2,54,700/-, **Completion period in Months:** 06, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 4., e-Tender No.:- 32_CR_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** SC-DHNE Section: Proposed construction of new Bridge No. 1/B as RUB of size 1x10.50mx5.90m precast RCC BOX at km 1/1-2 between Secunderabad-Sitaphalmandi stations by BOX pushing method with RH girder (Deposit Work)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 7,82,45,439/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 5,41,300/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 5., e-Tender No.:- 33_CR_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** SW 1) SC-PBP section: (DEN/C/SC) Provision of safety fence / boundary wall of along the track for 130 Kmph & above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 72.56 Kms fencing length and SW 2) PBP-KZJ section: (DEN/C/SC) Provision of safety fence / boundary wall of along the track for 130 Kmph & above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 56.80 Kms fencing length (Phase-II). (Two packet system)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 48,57,62,432/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 25,78,900/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 6., e-Tender No.:- 34_N_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** BPQ-KZJ Sections: (UP&DN & UD) i) Widening / repair of Cess for 50,000 cum ii) TFTR Widening / repair of Cess, filling up of low lying areas near toe of bank, providing Toe bank & Precast / Cast insitu RCC central drain & cross drain HDPE through the Railway formation at a required depth to the required slope etc. for a toral length of 64.332 Kms in SSE/P.Way/SKZR & BPA (Telangana state) under ADEN/BPA Sub-division and SSE/P.Way/MCI, PDPL & N/KZJ (Telangana state) under ADEN/ RDM sub division. (Two packet system)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 53,93,22,590/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 28,46,700/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 7., e-Tender No.:- 35_N_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** BPQ-KZJ Sections: TFTR Widening / repair of cess, filling up of low lying areas near toe of bank, providing TOE bank, & precast / cast insitu RCC central Drain & cross drain HDPE through the Railway formation at a required depth to the requied slope etc. for a total length of 11.908 Kms. in SSE/P.Way/MAGH & SKZR section (Maharashtra state) under ADEN/BPA sub division. (Two packet system)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 14,22,35,071/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 8,61,200/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 8., e-Tender No.:- 36_N_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** Improvements to facilities in the existing Goods shed at PRPI. (Two packet system)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 18,64,70,087/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 10,82,400/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 9., e-Tender No.:- 37_N_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** BPQ-ASAF section: Provision of safety Fencing along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 49.62 Kms fencing length (Phase-II) in Maharashtra state under Sr.DEN / North / SC section. (Two packet system)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 20,21,24,957/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 11,60,700/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 10., e-Tender No.:- 38_N_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** SW 1) BPQ-ASAF Section: Provision of safety Fencing along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 57.78 Kms fencing length (Phase-II). SW 2) ASAF – PTKP Section: Provision of safety fencing along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above by NHAI anti crash barrier/ W beam steel fencing for 114.22 Kms fencing length (Phase-II). SW 3) PTKP–KZJ section: Provision of safety Fencing along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above using NHAI anti crash barrier / Wbeam steel fencing for 50.34 Kms fencing length (Phase-II) in Telangana state under Sr.DEN/North/SC jurisdiction. (Two packet system)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 91,05,21,953/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 47,02,700/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 11., e-Tender No.:- 39_W_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** SW 1) VKB-PRLI Section: Proposed replacement of Br No. 33 at Km 19/6-7 Exg 1x12.20 m Steel Girder with 1x12.20m PSC slab between VKB-SSPD stations. SW 2) SC-WADI Section: Proposed replacement of Br No. 123UP at Km 113/1-7 Exg 5x12.00 m Steel Girder with 5x12.20m PSC slab between VKB-CTF stations. SW 3) SC-WADI Section: Proposed replacement of Br. No.134DN at km 120/22-28 Exg 8x12.00 m Steel Girder with 8x12.20m PSC slab between VKB-CTF stations., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 6,51,17,880/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 4,75,600/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 12., e-Tender No.:- 40_NW_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** VKB-PRLI Section-Proposal for construction of RUB in lieu of LC No.71 (M) at Km. 137/3-4 betweem Bhalki Kalgapur stations., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 9,32,80,936/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 6,16,410/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 13., e-Tender No.:- 41_S_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** KZJ-BZA Section: Proposed construction of Limited height subway (LHS) New Bridge No. 559 (A) km 421 / 33-35 in Lieu of closed Level crossing (Trespassing Location) at Kesamudram station yard as precast RCC Box of size 1x3.00x2.65 by Air pushing method., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 4,28,63,050/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 3,64,400/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 14., e-Tender No.:- 42_S_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** KZJ-KI Section: Provision of safety Fencing / Boundary Wall of along the Track for speed 130 Kmph using Precast RCC panels inverted 'T' elements for 10 KM fencing length (Phase-I) under ADEN/S/KZJ section., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 4,12,90,576/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 3,56,500/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 15., e-Tender No.:- 43_S_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** KZJ-KI Section: (Sr DEN/S/SC): Provision of boundary wall of along the track fro 130 Kmph & above for 35.14 Kms boundary length at various stationas (Phase-II). (Two packet system)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 38,79,10,976/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 20,89,600/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 16., e-Tender No.:- 44_S_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** KZJ-KI Section: Provision of Safety Fencing /Boundary wall of along the Track for speed 130 Kmph using Precast RCC Panels inverted T elements for 5 km fencing length (Phase-I) under ADEN/MDR section., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 2,11,74,684/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 2,55,900/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No:- 17., e-Tender No.:- 45_S_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** KZJ-KI Section: (Sr DEN/S/SC): Provision of Safety Fencing /Boundary wall of along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above using Fixed knot fencing with high tensile steel wire coated with Bezinal 2000 for 15km fencing length (Phase-I)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 4,03,42,803/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 3,51,800/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period :** 45 (Days)

S.No:- 18., e-Tender No.:- 46_S_SC_25_OT, **Name of the work:-** SW 1) KZJ-MLMG section: (Sr.DEN/S/SC) Provision of safety fencing / Boundary wall of along the Track for 130 Kmph and above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 105.68 Kms fencing length (Phase-II). SW 2) MLMG-KI (Sr.DEN/S/SC) : Provision of safety fencing / Boundary wall of along the Track for 130 Kmph and above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 116.78 Kms fencing length (Phase-II). (Two packet system)., **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 93,04,42,463/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 48,02,300/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.
2. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit EMD through online payments / BG only.
3. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform that my client Mr. SUNIL BABU, residing at No.164, 11th Cross, Near Subramanya Temple, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bangalore-560 070, that my client had lost his cheque leaf on 25.03.2025 bearing No. 000146 of ICICI Bank, Basavanagudi Branch, Bangalore bearing account No. 232001503408. After noting the lost cheque leaf upto 05.04.2025 but in vain. And police complaint has also been given vide LR No. 1552478/2025 dated 05.04.2025. In this connection my client informed the ICICI Bank for inactive of aforesaid cheque. If any person found the lost cheque, please return the said cheque to the above mentioned address OR below mentioned address. It is pertinent to note that if anybody attempts to misuse the said cheque, such persons will be prosecuted as per law.

SHRIDHAR. M.K.
KAR / 384 / 2008
Cube Associates, No.27, 2nd Floor, G.K.Plaza 5th Cross, Opp: Srinagar Bus Stop, Srinagar, Bangalore-560 050. Mobile: 96323 57030

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, **Mr Yogesh R** S/o Mr Raghavendra aged about 20 years and **Mr Yamanappa Kamanatti** S/o Chandrappa aged about 36 years both are residing at : No.1, Jayawadi, Byakod (BGW) Basava Bagewadi, Bijapura (Sellers from the **Mr Prathap Singh B,** aged about 44 years , S/o Balaji Singh, residing at No.30, 2nd Cross, White Petals Layout, Kodigehalli, Bangalore -560067, (pursher) intend to purchase this property **Item No.1 Site No.54,, Katha No.54, Formed out of Property No.50/1, situated at : Kodigehalli Village,** K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,BBMP limits, Ward No.54 Bangalore -560049, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South (80+70)/2 or 75 feet in total measuring 3000 Sq Feet and bounded on the : East by:: Site No.55, West by : Site No.58, 56 and 35, North by :: 20 Feet Road, south by:: Private Property

Item No.2 Site No.55, Katha No.486/A Formed out of Property No.50/1, situated at : Kodigehalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, BBMP limits, Ward No.54 Bangalore -560049, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South Eastern side 60 feet and western side 70 feet in total measuring 2600 Sq Feet and bounded on the : East by:: Property belongs to M R H K Subbaraju, West by : Site No.54 belong to Mr K R Saroja, North by :: 20 Feet Road, south by:: Property belong to Mr K H Subbaraju.

Any persons or persons having any kind of claim or objections shall approach with property documents within 7 days from this date of publication there after it shall not be considered.

and informing general public that Prathap Singh . intent to mortgage the said property in favour of M/s PIRAMAL CAPITAL AND HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED and anyone having any claim over the said property or any other claims by any person/s Nationalized banks, MNC Banks Private Banks, Co-Operative Banks any Financial institutions Governed by the RBI Rules may lodge their objections in writing within 07 days from this day to the undermentioned Advocate. For my client

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take Notice that, I, **S. Bhuvanesh,** S/o N. Sampath Reddy, aged about 59 years, Residing at No.172/2, "Samruddhi Aalaya", 1st Main, 2nd Stage, Radhakrishna Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru-560 070 has lost or misplaced the Original Sale Deed documents bearing No.7900/1995-95, dated 01/03/1995 (2)No.3022/1996-97,dated 16/10/1996 and (3) No.3023/1996-97, dated 16/10/1996,and also one original mother document standing in the name of V. Saraswathi, W/o K. Chandrashekar, my previous vendor all are registered on the file of Sub-registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, during shifting of my residence between 15/02/2025 to 28/02/2025 from Thyagarajanagara to R. K. Layout, Padmanabhanagar.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Property bearing Survey No.55, situated at Bellahalli Village, Erstwhile Yalahanka Hobli, now Yalahanka Taluk, Bengaluru,** measuring to an extent of 6 acre of 3 bits.

That, I made all my possible efforts to trace my said original documents, but have lost behind recovery. Any person/s having found the said original documents in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to return at my above address are they may be reported to the below mentioned telephone numbers.

Further, I call upon the public at large not to deal with the said property with any third party in my absence. If anyone already had done any transactions with respect to the said property the very said transaction/s are not binding on me.

S. BHUVANESH
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e-lost No.1549944/2025, Dated: 03/04/2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Smt. Shyamala A, W/o Late Sri Channakeshava Gowda, residing at No.153/154, I Phase, NTI Layout, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, VTC, Kodigehalli PO., Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092, has represented that she has lost the **Original Gift Deed** executed by Sri. V Ashwathappa in favour of his daughter Smt. Shyamala A registered as Document No. YAN-1-02818-2005-06 in CD No. YAND 133 dated 05.05.2005 in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Yelahanka while shifting her residence.

Complaint lodged vide Lost Report No. 1552241/2025 dated 05.04.2025 before Police Unit, Bangalore City.

If any person/s is in possession of the said Original Documents, he/she may please hand over the same either to the undersigned or to the Owner within 15 days from the date of issue of this Public Notice, failing which my Client believing that there are no claims or objections whatsoever, will proceed without original documents and use the Certified Copies of the same to enforce for all future transactions.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property being vacant Residential Site bearing No.6, Byatarayanapura CMC Katha No. 6/1A, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 50 ft., North to South 30 ft., in all measuring 1500 sq.ft. and bounded on the:

East by	:	Sri. Gopalappa's property
West by	:	20 ft. Road
North by	:	Smt. Nirmalakumari's property
South by	:	Site No. 7.

V MOHAN, Advocate,
No. 229, UAS Layout, Basaveswara Nagar, Shivanahalli Village, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064. Mobile: 94485 42407, e-mail: smslegal333@gmail.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereto, from its present owners **Smt. K. SHOBHA,** Aged 56 years, W/o. Late Sri. A.N. Ramaiah & **Sri. R. AJAY KUMAR GOWDA,** Aged 36 years, S/o. Late Sri. A.N. Ramaiah, Both residing at No.700, 2nd Cross, Ashoknagar, Bangalore-560 050.

Any person/s, financial institutions / banks / societies and the general public whomsoever claiming an interest/right/title/claim in respect of the schedule or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or objections or otherwise of whatsoever nature are hereby required to make the same known in writing along with copies of documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned. In the event, no such claim is received, it shall be deemed that the property is free from any acts of encumbrances or claims, whatsoever and my client will proceed with the transaction with the owner as if no such claims exists or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of immovable property bearing Old No.700, BBMP Municipal No.18/1, PID No:53-127- 18/1, E Aasthi/EPID No: 2995612695, measuring East to West 18 Feet and North to South 35 Feet, in all measuring 630 Square Feet, situated at 2nd Cross, Ashok Nagar, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore-560050, presently under the limits of BBMP, Ward No.164-Vidyapeeta, together with the construction standing thereon and bounded on the:

East by	:	Site No.701
West by	:	Common Passage
North by	:	2nd Cross Road
South by	:	Kempamma's House.

H.V. CHANDRASHEKAR, Advocate,
No.38/2, 2nd Floor, N.A.T. Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. Ph:9740083659.

MANDYA DIST. CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

E-mail: hr.manmul1987@gmail.com / manmulhealthcenter@gmail.com
Tele: 08232 – 295131/295130/274571

IFT NO: MMU/Admin/Mediclaim/560N/2025-26 Date: 05.04.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-procurement portal only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd. Intents to invite e-Tender from IRDA registered Government Undertaking Insurance Company for 1. Providing Mediclaim insurance for **MANMUL** Employees and their dependent family members for the period of one year. 2. Group Personnel accident Policy covering **MANMUL** Employees for the period of one year. Tenderer can downloaded documents from: **05-04-2025** Last date of submission of Tender: **05-05-2025 at 17.00 hrs,** Pre Bid meeting Date: **16-04-2025** at **11.30 hrs**, Date of opening of Technical Tender: **07-05-2025** after **11.30** hrs & Commercial Bid opening: will be intimated. Interested Tenderer's may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in / website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and also contact helpline No: **080-25501227/25501216**, **e-mail: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.** For more information contact Manager (Admin) **Mob: 9900556058**

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಉ.ಕ)

ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: midhly@yahoo.co.in ಫೋ.ನಂ: 08284–220113

ನಂ:ಕಾನಿಅ/ಸನೀವಿಹ/ತಾವಿ/ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್/4702/2025–26/10 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02/04/2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್) ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿ ನವೀಕರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂ ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ–2000 ಮತ್ತು ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಂತೆ **KW-4** (ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ) ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ "ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ" ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(1) ಇಂಟೆಂಡ್ ನಂ: 5280 (2) ಇಂಟೆಂಡ್ ನಂ: 5281
(3) ಇಂಟೆಂಡ್ ನಂ: 5354 (4) ಇಂಟೆಂಡ್ ನಂ: 5355

ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ: **"https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in"** ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09–04–2025 ರ ನಂತರದಿಂದ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19–04–2025 ರೊಳಗಾಗಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಚೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪರಿಹರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–04–2025 ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05.15 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22–04–2025 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಮಾನದಂಡಗಳನ್ನು, ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4 ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ಲ್ಲಿರುವಂತೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿವರಗಳೇ ಅಂತಿಮ.

ವಿ.ಸೂ: ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– (ಎಂ. ನಾಗರಾಜ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಉ.ಕ)

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/12/ 24-25 Dt.05.04.2025

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

E-AUCTION Sale of Properties on 24.04.2025
Last date of EMD : 23.04.2025

ARM - I Branch, 2nd Floor, No. 86, Spensar Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. Ph. No. : 080-25310066, E-mail : cb2366@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **24.04.2025 at 10.30 AM to 11.00 AM,** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider M/s. PSB Alliance Private imited, Hepdesk Number : 8291220220, Website : https://baanknet.com/

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **23.04.2025, 5.00 pm.**

Sl. No.	Name and address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovabe assets	Total Dues Possession Type	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid	Inspection Date & Time
1	**1. COVALENT,** No. 46/2, (Ravi Edible Oil Refinery Compund), Bisuvanahalli, Doddaballapur Road, Bengaluru Rural District-561203. **2. Sri P Roshan** S/o. Sri Paramashivaiah, No. 48, 2nd Main Road, Palace Guttahalli, Bengaluru-560003.	Residential site carved out of lands in Sy No. 168 of Kodihalli village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk converted for residential purpose vide b.DIS.ALN.SR/6362 dated 21.03.1974 now within the limits of BBMP and bearing Municiple No. 168, PID No. 74-1-168 situated at old airport road, Kodihalli, Bengaluru under corporation ward No. 74- Jeevana Bhimanagar and the site measuring 1935 sq ft. **Boundaries of the site : East by :** property belonging to Bandiyappa, **West by :** Diamond district apartment, **North by :** old Airport road, **South by :** Remaining portion of Vinay Kumar. **Owner of the property : Mr. P Roshan.** Co-ordinates of the Site **Latitude: 12.960222 Longitude: 77.644278**	**Rs. 12,57,19,037.80** as on **03.04.2025** with further interest and cost there on	**(In Lacks)** **a) Rs. 400.54** **b) Rs. 40.05** **c) Rs. 1.00**	**17.04.2025 10.0 AM to 2.00 PM** with Prior Appontment with the Authorised Officer
2	**1) M/s. Nature Home Care Products,** No. # 43, 1st Main Valagerhalli, Kengeri, Near Chithrakoota School, Bangalore-560056. **2) Sri. G K Ramachandra** S/o. Late Krishanppa, No. # 43, 1st Main Valagerhalli, Kengeri, Near Chithrakoota School, Bangalore-560056. **Current address :** Sri G K Ramachandra, No. # 06, 1st Main, 9th Cross, MTS Layout, K S Town, Opp: Bethesda High, Bangalore-560050.	Property bearing site No. 8/4A, assessment No. 24/1, Valagerahalli Village, Katha No. 49, measuring East to West 80 feet and North to south 60 feet, Totally measuring 1800 Sq.ft, Situated at Kengri, Kengri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru. East : Private Property, **West :** Private Property, **North :** Road, **South :** Private Property. Co-ordinates of the Site **Latitude: 12.9331210 Longitude: 77.4950220**	**Rs. 3,01,88,142.25** as on **03.04.2025** with further interest and cost there on	**a) Rs. 185.00** **b) Rs. 18.50** **c) Rs. 1.00**	**17.04.2025 10.0 AM to 2.00 PM** with Prior Appontment with the Authorised Officer

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or **E-Wallet of M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, **Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 9627872626,7483935007,9538406090 and 9598559920** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 04.04.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Offier
Canara Bank

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

SHIMSHA HYDRO POWER STATION

(1) No.: KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2749 dtd: 03.04.2025. Reconditioning, Re-metalling, Machining & Commissioning of spare radial bearing of Unit#1 & 2, 8.6MW at Shimsha HES. EMD: **Rs. 12,138/-.** Work Completion Period: **30 days.** Last date for submisson: **15.04.2025 at 16.00 hrs.** Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (O&M) SHIMSHA, KPCL, Shimshapura-571430, Malavalli Tq., Mandya Dist., Mob: 09902835577.

SHARAVATHY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECTS

(1) KPCL/2024-25/PM/WORK_INDENT2721, Dt: 01.04.2025. Foundry casting, machining & finishing, drilling, tapping as per drawing, supply, suitability checking of 3 nos. water/oil seal housing chamber (Cote Injector) for double acting needle servomotor of generating units at SGS. EMD: **Rs. 54,600/-.** Last date for submission of tenders: **15.04.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Turbine) JOG,** SGS, KPCL, Jog falls - 577435, **M.No.: 9449598802. (2)** KPCL/2024-25/IND1552, Dt: 25.03.2025. Supply of 01 No. of 32 plus 1 seater new 2025 onwards model non-A/c staff bus for SVP. EMD: **Rs. 67,166/-. (3)** KPCL/2024-25/IND1554, Dt: 25.03.2025. Supply of 01 No. of 16 plus 1 seater new 2025 onwards model non-A/c staff bus for SVP.. EMD: **Rs. 51,356/-. (4)** KPCL/2024-25/IND1567, Dt: 26.03.2025. Supply of 12 Nos. of model 0110 D 010 BH4HC Filter elements and 12 nos. of model 0110 D 050 W/HC Filter elements for SVP. EMD: **Rs. 10,611/-.**Last date for submission of tenders: **11.04.2025 up to 16.30 Hrs for Sl.No. (2) to (4).** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (MSP)J,** SVP, KPCL, Jog falls -577435, Dist: Shivamogga, **M.No.: 9449598847, e-mail: eemspj@gmail.com**

District Urban Development Cell, Deputy Commissioner Office, Hassan District.

Telephone No: 08172-234839
Email:pdhassandudc@gmail.com

NO: Mun (2)/CR/17/2018-2019 Dated:04-04-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP: INDENT No DMA/2024-25/SE-4184) TWO COVER SYSTEM

The Deputy Commissioner,Hassan District, Hassan invites tenders from eligible Bidders, group of entities (the Consortium) registered with registrar of companies (ROC) under the companies act 1965 / 2013 or registered with PWD / Electrical inspectorate or registr ation deed from firms or shall be registered with government of India or State government or its undertakings or any State Government Organizations for the work detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz https://kppp.karnatka.gov.in).The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract as per standard bidding document uploaded in ktppp. Indent Number: KPPP INDENT No. DMA/2024-25/SE-4184 Description of Work :Implementation of Energy Efficient Project for street lights by replacement of existing conven tional lamps with LED lamps along with Centralized Control & Monitoring System (CCMS) in Hassan ULB limits through PPP Mode. Estimate Cost (Rs.in Lakhs):Rs.4466.00 Interested contractors shall register on the kppp platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from the kppp platform (https:// kppp.karnatkal.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electroni cally at https://kppp.karnatkal.gov.in EMD and Tenders Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically Calender of events & other information is as follows:- Calendar of Events and other information are as follows: 1) Period of Construction:18 Months 2)Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.44.66 lakhs 3)Tender Pre bid Meeting :Date 29-04-2025 at 11.00 AM 3)Last Date for submitting of completed tender documents in E-portal: Date 09-05-2025 upto 17.30 hrs 4)Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) Date: 12-05-2025 at 11.00 AM Any changes in the tender conditions and Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

Sd/- C.Sathyabhama,I.A.S
Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District,Hassan

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/09/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया **Union Bank of India**

STRESSED ASSET MANAGEMENT BRANCH-MUMBAI,
Ground Floor, 104, Bharat House, M. S. Marg, Fort, Mumbai-400 001.
E-Mail : samvmumbai@unionbankofindia.bank

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE / MOVEABLE PROPERTY / IES

E-Auction Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable / Movable Assets Under The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read With Proviso To Rule 8 (6) / Rule 9(1) / Rule 6 (2) Of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable/ movable properties mortgaged / charged / hypothecated to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the **Authorized Officer** of **Union Bank of India** (secured creditor), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** on **25.04.2025** from **12:00 p. m. to 05:00 p. m.,** for recovery of respective amount, due to Union Bank of India (Secued Creditor) from the respective Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) as mentioned below. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

DATE & TIME OF AUCTION : 25.04.2025, FROM 12:00 P. M. TO 05:00 P. M

1. M/s. Aventura Components Pvt. Ltd. (Presently, Under Liquidation Under The Provisions of IBC, 2016). 2. M/s. Earth Water Limited (Already Sold As Going Concern Under The Provisions of IBC, 2016) 3. Mr. Sunil Ghorawat 4. The Legal Heirs of Mr. Nimir Kishor Mehta 5. M/s. Net Creations Pvt. Ltd. 6. M/s. Veera Resources Pvt. Ltd.

Amount Due : Total Debt – ₹ 122,63,22,648.80. **(M/S. AVENTURA COMPONENTS PVT. LTD. ₹ 69,13,23,651.50** as per demand notice dated 20.05.2023 along with further interest, cost and expenses. **M/S EARTH WATER LIMITED ₹ 53,49,98,997.30** as per demand notice dated 20.05.2023 along with further interest, cost and expenses. (Subject to subsequent recovery, if any)

Property No. 1 : - All that Piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Flat No. E-3 along-with 820 Sq. Ft. of Undivided share, Property ID No. 76-5/1-24, BBMP Khatha No. BMP/REV/2010-11-11/KE/575326, without attached Garden / Terrace on the Third Floor of the multistoried Building constructed over Property (All that Piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Corporation No. 5/1-24, Property ID No. 76-19-5/1-24, Situated at Richmond Road, Corporation Division No. 61, Ward No. 76, Bangalore, measuring 37,690 Sq. Ft.) known as **"RICH HOMES",** measuring 2734 Sq. Ft. of super built up area and along with Two covered Car Parking area, Situated at Richmond Road, between Richmond Circle and Shooly Circle, Bangalore in the name of Mr. Sunil Ghorawat. **(UNDER PHYSICAL POSSESSION)**

- **Encumbrances, if any known to the Bank : NIL**
- **Reserve Price :** ₹ **2,55,00,000/-** • **Earnest money to be deposited :** 10% of the Reserve Price • **Date of Sale Notice :** 02.04.2025

For Further Details Contact : (During Office Hours) :- File Handling Officer & Authorized Officer- Mr. Aman Agarwal at Mobile No. 9833913331

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION FOR PROPERTY / IES 25.04.2025 AT 12.00 P. M. TO 05.00 P. M.

DATE OF INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTIES (FOR PROPERTY UNDER PHYSICAL POSSESSION) 16.04.2025

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in & https://baanknet.com
The Online E-Auction will be held through https://baanknet.com on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes.

Sd/-
Place : Mumbai **Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India**

In a significant milestone, 86 Maoists surrendered before the police in Bhadradri Kothagudem district in Telangana on Saturday. "So far, 224 Maoists surrendered in Khammam and Bhadradrikothagudem after learning about various welfare schemes," police said

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TO achieve equality of status and ensure opportunity for all women in India, irrespective of caste and religion, as enshrined in the Constitution, the Karnataka High Court requested the Union and state governments to make concerted efforts to enact a law on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

"Women in India are all equal. But the Personal Law according to religion makes a difference among women, though they are citizens of India. A 'woman' in Hindu law has the birthright of being equal to that of a son. Under Hindu law, a daughter is given equal status and right in all respects as that of a son, but the same is not so under Mohammedan law," said Justice Hanchate Sanjeev Kumar, dismissing an appeal filed by Samiulla Khan and others from the city over a property dispute.

"Therefore, the court is of the opinion that our country needs a UCC in respect of personal laws and religion, and only then will the object of Article 14 of the Constitution be achieved. A 'daughter' under Hindu law has equal status, or rights, or entitlement, and interest as that of a son, and a wife has equal status as that of her husband. This is more or less fulfilling the object and principles enshrined under Article 14 of the Constitution, but this is not so under Mohammedan law," Justice Kumar said.

In the present case, the plaintiffs are two brothers and a sister of deceased Shahnaz Begum. They were contesting the distribution of properties left behind by their deceased sister.

Justice Kumar said under Mohammedan law, plaintiff No 3, the sister, is entitled to a share as a residuary but not as a sharer. "This is one of the circumstances of discrimination between brothers and sisters that is not found under Hindu law. Brothers and sisters have equal status, or rights, or entitlement, and interest under Hindu law. Therefore, this is an example of the necessity of making a law on UCC," the court observed.

The court is of the opinion that the enactment of legislation on the UCC as enshrined under Article 44 of the Constitution will achieve the objective and aspirations enshrined in the preamble, bringing about a true secular democratic republic. Bringing a law on UCC and its enforcement will certainly give justice to women and achieve equality of status and opportunity for all, it said while requesting the Registrar General of the High Court to forward the copy of this judgment to the principal law secretaries of the Union and state governments.

A bomb detection squad checks the Ramanathaswamy temple in Rameswaram on Saturday ahead of the PM's visit | EXPRESS

Modi to inaugurate new Pamban bridge today

Madurai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the country's first vertical lift sea bridge at Rameshwaram in Ramanathapuram district on Sunday. After winding up his Sri Lanka visit, Modi, apart from inaugurating the new bridge in Pamban, is expected to visit Ramanathaswamy temple at Rameswaram around 12.45 pm. He will also lay the foundation stone for various rail and road projects worth ₹8,300 crore. **ENS**

Truckers threaten strike against diesel price hike from April 15

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DEMANDING that the state government roll back the diesel price hike, truckers led by the Federation of Karnataka State Lorry Owners' and Agents' Associations (FKSLOA) have threatened to go on an indefinite strike from 6 am on April 15.

Disclosing this to reporters here on Saturday, president of FKSLOA GR Shanmugappa said, "Owners and crew of nearly 5 lakh trucks, including those headed to Karnataka from other states, those carrying construction material, fuel tankers and cabs operating on the Kempegowda International Airport route, will take part in the strike. In all, nearly 9 lakh vehicles will remain off the road."

The diesel price was increased by Rs 3 last June and now, all of a sudden without any intimation, it has again been hiked by Rs 2. It is not justifiable, Shanmugappa said, adding that the hike is a blow to truckers.

Compared to diesel prices in neighbouring states, Karnataka had the lowest. Trucks from other states used to fill their fuel tanks in Karnataka. Lakhs of litres of diesel were sold in Karnataka and that used to fetch adequate revenue to the state government in the form of taxes. The recent hike will be a severe blow to Karnataka as no trucks from other states will buy diesel here, Shanmugappa claimed.

The other demands of the federation are: to do away with toll collection in Karnataka, remove RTO checkposts in border areas, not to implement the Union government's guideline to collect Rs 15,000 for fitness certificate renewal, and to relax the 'no entry' rule in Bengaluru.

He gave an ultimatum to the government to fulfill the federation's demands by April 15.

New rules for foreign degree recognition

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

WITH the aim of promoting internationalisation in Indian higher education, the University Grants Commission (UGC) on Saturday introduced a new set of regulations for the easy recognition and equivalence of foreign qualifications.

UGC Chairman Prof M Jagadesh Kumar said, "Many students return with international qualifications to seamlessly integrate into India's higher education system or workforce. Such students need a structured procedure to evaluate foreign credentials without unpredictable delays and procedural ambiguity."

Acknowledging this challenge, he said, the UGC has decided to establish a standardised equivalence framework by bringing in a new regulation.

"This move is crucial given the National Education Policy 2020's vision of transforming India into a global study destination. If Indian institutions are to attract international students, we must ensure fair recognition of degrees earned abroad," he said. The rules are expected to benefit Indian students who study abroad and seek to continue their academic or professional journey in India.

MY LANGUAGE, MY CHOICE

Students and parents stage a protest against the Telangana government's directive mandating Telugu as the sole second language up to Class 10 in Hyderabad on Saturday. They urged the authorities to preserve language choice for students

FM: Set aside political differences, support One Nation, One Poll

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@ Chennai

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks at a seminar at SRM University in Chennai on Saturday | MARTIN LOUIS

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has reiterated that the "One Nation, One Election" initiative is not a hastily-made political decision but a result of a comprehensive study conducted by a high-level committee.

Speaking at a seminar held at a private college near Chennai on Saturday, the minister said that implementation of simultaneous polls will begin only after the 2029 Lok Sabha elections and it will come into effect only in the 2034 parliamentary elections.

"The Constitution 129th Amendment Bill 2024 and the Union Territories Laws Amendment Bill 2024 are crucial steps in moving towards synchronised elections. Contrary to the narrative, this was not a decision taken in haste or by a few bureaucrats. A committee, headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind, has studied the matter thoroughly and engaged with representatives of 47 political parties. Of them, 32 parties supported the initiative including parties from Tamil Nadu such as PMK, TMC(M), and PNK," she said.

Sitharaman pointed out that India had simultaneous polls during the 1957 general elections, and it was only due to political instability and misuse of Article 356 in the 1960s and 1970s that frequent elections became the norm.

She cited studies by the Election Commission (1983), Law Commission (1999, 2015, 2018), and NITI Aayog (2017), all recommending synchronised elections to ensure administrative efficiency and policy continuity.

Highlighting the financial burden of frequent polls, she said the estimated cost of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections was Rs 1 lakh crore, whereas holding simultaneous elections could save up to Rs 12,000 crore.

Referring to former leaders like M Karunanidhi (former Tamil Nadu CM) who supported the concept, Sitharaman urged all parties to set aside political differences and support the initiative in the nation's interest.

5 killed, 11 injured after van hits truck

Kalaburagi: 5 people were killed on the spot and 11 others sustained injuries when the tempo traveller in which they were travelling hit a parked truck near Sonna Cross of Jewargi taluk in the early morning at about 3 am on Saturday. The deceased were Maheboobe w/o Usman Sab (53), Maheboob (30) Malan Bee w/o Maheboob Sab (50), Wajid (2) and Priyank (12). 11 people including the driver sustained injuries and they have been admitted to the GIMS Hospital at Kalaburagi. A group of 31 people, mostly relatives, were coming from Bagalkot to Kalaburagi to visit Khaja Bandanawaz Dargah. Kalaburagi SP Adduru Srinivasalu visited the accident spot on Saturday morning. **ENS**

Terminated from job, JK Tyres staffer kills self

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

A TEMPORARY worker of the JK Tyres, who was allegedly terminated without any prior notice, ended his life by jumping into the river Cauvery near Mahadevpura village in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Mahesh (35), a resident of Gagenahalli in Bilikere hobli, Hunsur taluk of Mysuru district. Mahesh had been working as a temporary worker at the JK Tyres for the past 16 years. Reportedly, 10 days ago, he was abruptly removed from the service without being provided any explanation.

Deeply distressed by the termination, Mahesh is believed to have travelled to the river Cauvery near Mahadevpura village on Friday, where he jumped into the river. A case has been registered at the Arakere Police Station in connection with the incident.

Mahesh's body has been shifted to the mortuary at KR Hospital in Mysuru. However, the factory management has come under fire after they reportedly did not visit the mortuary or reach out to the bereaved family even after learning about Mahesh's death.

Enraged by the apathy, Mahesh's family members and supporters staged a protest outside the mortuary, refusing to take possession of the body until a representative from JK Tyres management arrived.

The protesters demanded accountability and support for the grieving family. Chandrahass, Madhu, and advocate Karthik, speaking to media representatives at the mortuary, condemned the JK Tyres management's actions and demanded justice. Mahesh is survived by his wife and a young child.

WHAT'S THE PRICE?

Report: 400 acres in Kancha Gachibowli worth ₹20,800 crore

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@ Hyderabad

THE 400-acre parcel of land adjacent to the University of Hyderabad (UoH) in Kancha Gachibowli, is estimated to be worth ₹20,800 crore, with a peeacre value of ₹52 crore, according to a valuation report prepared by government-approved valuers Parish Rao Panse and Rao Associates.

The report, accessed by *TNIE*, revealed that the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) raised approximately ₹10,000 crore by issuing bonds through the National Stock Exchange (NSE), using a controversial 400-acre parcel of land in Kancha Gachibowil as security. This move has triggered widespread public discussion about the actual value of the land.

The report stated: "Based on local enquiries with area property brokers, residents, recent market sale and feedback from various reliable sources, the commercial land value in this locality ranges between ₹50 crore and ₹55 crore per acre, depending on factors such as size, location and shape of the property."

Taking into account factors like size, location, shape, rental yield, demand and supply, government policies, current market conditions and future prospect, the Fair Market Value (FMV) was determined to be ₹52 crore per acre, the report said.

The report also detailed other valuations like realizable value at 80% would be ₹16,640 crore and distress value at 70% would be ₹14,560 crore.

To raise ₹10,000 crore, TGIIC issued eight bonds on the NSE at a 9.35% interest rate. The 400-acre land was mortgaged to Beacon Trusteeship Limited — acting as the debenture trustee — through "Deposit of Title Deeds". ICICI bank served as the "Account Bank" for the bond issuance.

Following the government's decision to auction the 400 acres, sources indicate that discussions have taken place between TGIIC and Beacon Trusteeship Limited regarding the auction process, since the land is currently held as security. However, the outcome of these talks remains undisclosed.

ISRO's POEM-4 makes impact in Indian Ocean

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THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Saturday announced the re-entry of the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM-4) into the earth's atmosphere and its impact in the Indian Ocean at 8.03 am on April 4.

ISRO scientists termed the re-entry as an achievement of India's commitment to control rising space debris and its efforts for a sustainable space environment and debri-free space missions.

The POEM-4 was tracked by ISRO's radar facilities and United States Space Command (USSPACECOM). The scientists found that the POEM-4's orbit had decayed to 174 km x 165 km.

On December 30, 2024, ISRO had launched two satellites at short intervals as part of the SpaDeX mission. The specially configured upper stage (PS4) of PSLV-C60 (PSLV Orbital Experimental Module or POEM-4) was also in the same orbit. Subsequently, POEM-4 was de-orbited by engine restarts to a nearly circular orbit at 350 km altitude with 55.2 degree inclination, the scientists said.

The PS4 was then passivated by venting the leftover fuel to minimise any potential risk for accidental break-up. During its mission life, POEM-4 hosted 24 payloads (14 of which were ISRO's payloads and 10 were from other private organisations).

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Girl attacked with knife inside house

Vizianagaram: An 18-year-old girl was attacked by an unidentified miscreant with a knife while she was washing utensils at her house in Sivaram village in Garividi mandal on Saturday. According to the police, the girl suffered injuries on her stomach in the attack. When she raised an alarm, the attacker fled, leaving the knife. The girl's family members rushed her to the government hospital in Cheepurupalli. Later, she was shifted to Medicover Hospital in Vizianagaram for better treatment. The girl is said to be out of danger. But, she has been kept under observation. Garividi police registered a case. The sniffer dog squad and the clues team were pressed into service. Vizianagaram Superintendent of Police Vakul Jindal said, "We have detained three suspects and formed five police teams to nab the accused." **ENS**

Six held for robbing Kolar gold vendor

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@ Chittoor

IN a major breakthrough, Andhra Pradesh police cracked a sensational gold robbery case that took place on Wednesday night near the Tamil Nadu border forest area along the ghat road.

A five-member gang allegedly looted 3.7 kg of gold from a vendor travelling from Karnataka to Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

The crime came to light after the victim lodged a complaint at the V Kota police station, leading to an investigation that resulted in the arrest of six individuals, including the vendor's car driver and a local political leader from Karnataka's Kolar district.

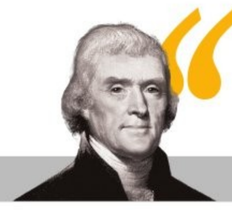
The incident occurred around 8 pm on Wednesday when a gold vendor from Kolar was transporting old ornaments to Vellore for melting. The robbery was reportedly orchestrated with the help of the vendor's car driver, who tipped off the gang. Armed with knives, the assailants intercepted the car, tied up the vendor and his driver, and escaped with the gold.

V Kota police launched an investigation after the vendor filed a complaint. Suspicion quickly fell on the car driver, and analysis of phone records revealed his involvement with the gang. This led to the identification and arrest of all five gang members.

In a startling twist, one of the accused was identified as a local political leader from Kolar, further intensifying the case. Police have detained all six suspects, including the driver and the politician, and are continuing the investigation.

PALAKKAD POLICE RESCUE BABY GIRL KIDNAPPED FROM TRAIN

Palakkad: In a swift operation, the Palakkad Town North police apprehended a 32-year-old man from Tamil Nadu for allegedly kidnapping a one-and-a-half-year-old baby girl from a migrant Odisha couple while they were travelling in a train. The suspect, identified as Vetrivel, 32, from Kulathur in Dindigul district, was caught at the Palakkad Junction railway station, with the child in his possession. The motive behind the abduction is being investigated. **ENS**



"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter

Thomas Jefferson

WAQFs MUST HOLD UP PROMISE OF DEVELOPMENT

THE Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024 is being hailed by some as a long-overdue reform aimed at streamlining the administration of waqf properties across India. Though it faces criticism and political resistance, the bill passed by parliament can still be viewed as a bold step toward much-needed reforms. At its core, it seeks to enhance transparency, improve accountability and ensure more equitable and efficient use of waqf assets—many of which have been mired in bureaucratic neglect, political interference and corruption for decades. But does the bill go far enough?

In Islamic tradition, waqf refers to the donation of movable or immovable assets for charitable purposes. Once declared, a waqf is irrevocable—it cannot be sold, rented or reclaimed by the donor. According to the latest government data, 32 state waqf boards manage 8.8 lakh registered properties across 9.7 lakh acres. Of these, 8.7 lakh are immovable, 16,713 movable and 994 marked 'alienated'. Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of immovable properties (2.3 lakh), followed by West Bengal, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

In 2006, the Sachar Committee had noted underestimation and poor use of waqf assets, and had estimated 4.9 lakh registered properties nationwide. It calculated their book value at ₹6,000 crore, with the potential to yield 10 percent annual returns on a market value that surely would have been many times higher. However, the actual income was only ₹163 crore (2.7 percent return), indicating significant inefficiency. The committee noted that the number of waqf properties was also likely underestimated. It cited poor governance, lack of records, encroachments and weak oversight. It recommended reforms in organisational structure, financial management, representation, rent laws and the establishment of waqf development corporations.

OPINION

BALHASAN ALI

Economist and demographer at Institute of Economic Growth, whose forthcoming co-authored book is about Muslim society in Indian states

Although the waqf board is one of the largest property holders in India, not all its assets are revenue-generating. According to the Waqf Management System of India (WAMSI), the majority of registered properties are graveyards (1,50,569), followed by agricultural land (1,40,803), mosques (1,19,280), shops (1,13,193) and various plots and houses. Notably, only 2,094 schools and 14,014 madrasas are registered. The properties are managed by over 7 lakh registered and unregistered waqf functionaries across the country.

While the board is entrusted with managing properties to generate revenue for the upkeep of religious institutions and the socio-economic uplift of Muslim communities—the very purpose for which it was created—it has largely failed to fulfil this mandate. Data from WAMSI reveals that, in many cases, revenue exceeds expenditure amid severe gaps in record-keeping. This raises several serious concerns. Are the properties being appropriately leased and managed? Are transparency and accountability mechanisms in place? And where is the revenue going?

Given the scale of its holdings, the waqf board has immense potential to establish and operate hospitals, schools and colleges to serve the poor—aligning with the charitable intent behind these endowments. Yet, the board has consistently fallen short. As the Sachar Committee observed, widespread corruption, concentration of power, and lack of transparency and inclusivity continue to undermine waqf administration across states.

In 2013, the 1995 law governing waqfs was amended to give the boards sweeping powers to claim properties under the guise of Muslim charity. These changes also made it virtually impossible to sell waqf properties, as neither the mutawalli (custodian) nor the waqf board was permitted to transfer ownership.

The 2024 bill seeks to address some of these longstanding issues. It marks a significant step toward enhancing transparency, accountability and the inclusion of non-Muslims in waqf boards. Its measures include digitisation of records, regular surveys and stricter checks on encroachment. These steps, if implemented sincerely, can strengthen institutional mechanisms and restore public trust.

However, it is equally important to question what the bill lacks. The structural problems—such as opaque decision-making, lack of grassroots representation, especially of women, and weak enforcement capacity—have not been adequately addressed. There is also a growing concern that the bill attempts to centralise control, potentially limiting community participation. One cannot ignore that the majority of waqf properties are still being recorded as graveyards, mosques or agricultural plots, with only a marginal share invested in institutions like schools and hospitals. This is not just a management issue, but a developmental failure. The bill should have explicitly laid down mechanisms to facilitate the productive use of the assets in line with their original charitable and community-driven intent.

Whether the new law becomes a true turning point depends not merely on its written provisions, but on their implementation. The government must commit to an inclusive dialogue, avoid the trap of political appeasement, and ensure that the system uplifts the marginalised rather than serving entrenched interests.

The bill marks a bold and welcome step toward enhancing accountability, transparency and inclusivity. Yet, in its current form, it is a cautious move forward. It opens a critical door, but whether that door leads to genuine reform is a question only time, and political will, can answer. *(Views are personal)*

THE WORLD IS MODI'S OYSTER

POWER & POLITICS

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THINK global, act local. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the magical marketing maestro of fusional statecraft. His invocation of Indian cultural leitmotifs is to project India as a global narrative setter. Last week, he evoked the healing halo of the Ramayana during his visit to earthquake-ravaged Thailand. Over a decade of governance, Modi has applied the encompassing spirit of ancient Bharat and modern India to emphasise the country's relevance in international diplomacy and politics. He has retained his position as India's most popular leader without compromising his global approval ratings.

He has used every trick in the trade, like taking maximum trips abroad, inviting international counterparts and exhorting intercontinental investors, entrepreneurs and opinion leaders to extol the virtues of India and its PM. The government has always rolled out the red carpet for rich and famous stalwarts—from tech bosses to society celebrities—to interact with him. They sing paeans to Modi's stature. His excessive international outreach using a uniquely curetted toolkit is getting him traction and visibility.

For example, Bill Gates met Modi last month. It wasn't their first confabulation. When Gates came out of the meeting, he posted on X: "I had a great discussion with @narendramodi about India's development, the path to Viksit Bharat @ 2047, and exciting advancements in health, agriculture, AI and other sectors that are creating impact today. It's impressive to see how innovation in India is driving progress."

The PM's three-hour podcast with Lex Fridman covered a wide range of topics—from Modi's personal life to his views on governance, technology and international relations. All these reflect Modi's effort to blend personal anecdotes with his idea of governance-philosophy while projecting India as a rising power rooted in tradition, yet forward-looking in technology and diplomacy. The podcast, described by Fridman as "one of the most powerful conversations of my life", was aimed at reaching a global audience. Modi responded on X: "It was indeed a fascinating conversation with @lexfridman, covering diverse topics, including reminiscing about my childhood, the years in the Himalayas, and the journey in public life."

Keeping his global audience in mind, Modi in his monthly radio show spoke for the second time about Cass Mae, a German singer-songwriter famous for her deep connection to Indian music and culture. He posted: "The world's curiosity about Indian culture continues to grow, and people like Cass Mae have played a remarkable role in bridging this cultural exchange. Through dedicated efforts, she, along with several others, has helped showcase the richness, depth, and diversity of India's heritage."

SOURAV ROY

The Indian government also sprang a surprise by formally inviting Chinese strongman Xi Jinping to celebrate 75 years of Indo-China relations. While Modi spoke to Xi, foreign secretary Vikram Misri joined the Chinese ambassador to cut the cake. Speaking as the chief guest at the Chinese embassy function, Mistri said: "Even though, as modern nation states we have had only 75 years of formal ties, India and China have shared cultural and civilisational ties and people-to-people contacts going back millennia." Though border related issues remain unresolved, this sudden revival of bonhomie between the two traditional rivals made international headlines.

Ignoring the domestic fallout, the PM even held a formal meeting with Muhammad Yunus, advisor to Bangladesh's interim government, in Bangkok. Yunus has been sympathetic towards violent riots against minorities. And Modi warned him about both economic and diplomatic consequences if Bangladesh fails to halt the arson and carnage.

Modi and his advisors have made an exhaustive overreach to ensure maximum mindspace for the PM. For the first time, the government is hosting the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in May in Mumbai. This reflects Modi's strategic agenda to position India as a global hub for entertainment, art and technology. Championed by the PM himself, this aligns with his broader vision of enhancing India's soft power and global influence. WAVES will showcase the country's imaginative prowess, foster international collaboration and boost its creative calories. By inviting international celebrities and industry leaders, the summit will elevate India's standing in the global media landscape—a World Creative Forum.

Such events are Modi's audacious attempts to internationalise India as a 'Vishwaguru' and project his administration's ability to orchestrate high-profile Indian eisteddfods that globally blend culture, technology and diplomacy. The invited participants include a mix of Indian and international luminaries like Satya Nadella and Sundar Pichai. The budget for the extravaganza: ₹400 crore.

Modi's excessive emphasis on wooing an international audience has raised questions. Is he looking for constant global validation for his leadership? PMs Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi, both serving decade-long tenures, went on extensive foreign visits, though their approaches and outcomes differed. Singh, in office from 2004 to 2014, made 73 foreign trips, visiting 46 countries. His tenure emphasised multilateral engagements with frequent visits to the US (10 times) and Russia (8 times), reflecting his focus on economic diplomacy and strengthening ties with major powers. He totalled 313 days abroad in a low-profile way to extend P V Narasimha Rao's Look East policy and secure India's energy and trade interests.

Modi has surpassed Singh's record with 87 trips to 73 countries (275 days by early 2024), each marked by high visibility, diaspora outreach and strategic partnerships. He landed in the US nine times, France eight times, and China five times to prioritise investment, defence and India's role in the Indo-Pacific. While Singh's tenure aimed at continuity, Modi's aggressive diplomacy elevated India's global stature—though both faced criticism for the expense—Singh at about ₹700 crore and Modi at ₹3,500 crore—highlighting their distinct styles in navigating India's foreign policy.

Modi's global stature bolsters his image as a transformative leader—a narrative critical to BJP's electoral success—and reflects his strategic ambition to leverage the image of a popular global leader in domestic politics. Modiplomacy—often dubbed the Modi Doctrine—is personality-driven, with a multi-pronged agenda. In addition, he made seven visits to Russia, Japan and the UAE, followed by six to Germany, five to Nepal and other smaller nations that hardly any of his predecessors visited.

While Modi's personal charisma and RSS-backed vision amplify India's universal voice, criticism persists: has the cost—financial and political—truly matched the gain, or does it reflect a leader italicising symbolism over substance? His itineraries underscore his emphasis on major powers, regional allies and energy-rich nations. According to official estimates, over 60 global leaders have been invited by the government to visit India for various purposes during Modi's tenure. He has also hosted G20 meetings attended by global leaders.

As India navigates 100 years of Independence in 2047, Modi's travels and exposure will be judged not by just air-miles and celeb endorsements, but by the depth and endurance of his personal style and substance. It is also his tenacious ticket to history's hallowed halls.

CRYPTOCURRENCIES EMERGE FROM THE FRINGE

OPINION

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THE flex of the cryptocurrency market has recently increased with the US declaring its intention to be the global leader in the digital asset. Meanwhile, the Indian crypto market was valued at around $2.5 billion in 2024 and is expected to grow to $15 billion by 2035.

The RBI has remained a crypto-sceptic and has emphasised its potential to disturb macroeconomic stability. The challenge, therefore, is to adopt cryptocurrencies without undermining sovereign economic stability. This requires agile regulation, as innovation and change underline crypto markets.

The global regulatory landscape is evolving, actively seeking inputs from various stakeholders. The regulations range from bespoke legislation to the modification of existing payment and security laws. In India, a formal discussion paper on digital assets is likely to be out soon. The expectation is that regulation must provide certainty and protection for investors. Besides transparency in dealings by crypto exchanges, fraud detection, compliance with tax laws and plugging leakages in the anti-money laundering law are to be prioritised.

It has been recently reported that certain offshore crypto platforms dodge tax deduction at source, which users could be led to misinterpret as an advantage. However, enforcement action by tax authorities and the proposed OECD-led Crypto Asset Reporting Framework, to which 63 jurisdictions are committed, will ensure that the global tax net is tightened.

Another important aspect is investor education and vigilance against fraud. Recently, almost 4.2 million Indian investors faced losses of $230 million attributed to hacking of a crypto exchange. This flags the urgent need for regulatory controls on crypto exchanges and tighter cyber security in general.

A robust listing system based on reliable metrics is required to sift the numerous cryptocurrencies available in the market. This is a developing arena, and well-defined protocols would promote transparency and keep out fly-by-night operators. There is need for oversight on the quality of tokens being offered, so that investors can do due diligence.

Among India's neighbours, Bhutan has been at the forefront of crypto mining, using its considerable hydropower. It also holds cryptocurrencies in a strategic reserve at its Gelephu Mindfulness City. According to reports, Bhutan owns $1.1 billion in such reserves. Pakistan has announced its intention to legalise cryptocurrency to attract investment.

The US has announced the creation of a strategic reserve of cryptocurrencies that includes digital currencies seized by law enforcement agencies. It remains to be seen whether this would prove to be an alternative store of value like gold. However, the volatility inherent in cryptocurrencies would reduce its utility as an inflationary hedge.

Recent moves around the world, including in our neighbourhood, indicate that India needs to adopt crypto assets with agile regulation. A rupee-backed stablecoin can be a tool to limit risks and ensure autonomy

In India, cryptocurrency worth about $37 million has been seized by law enforcement agencies due to illegal and criminal activities. The Finance Bill 2025 has amended the definition of undisclosed income to include digital assets. This could translate into more seizures. A strategic reserve of seized digital assets would counter-intuitively be seen as a positive signal for the cryptocurrency market, as it becomes part of the sovereign kitty.

The RBI has introduced a central bank digital coin as an alternative to stablecoins. But with the maturing of the decentralised network, stablecoins have become a force to reckon with. That they are pegged to gold or a fiat currency has seen them surge. Their global market value rose to nearly $200 billion in early 2025.

Many governments that back stablecoins have sought to exercise control through licences given to issuers and have mandated full reserve backing, audits, statutory liquidity requirements and investor protection. Stablecoins present an opportunity for India to streamline the vast remittance market. They have the potential to facilitate MNCs' local payments. In the long run, it could help India obtain a significant market share on Web 3 platforms. A rupee-backed stablecoin would be a risk mitigation approach to dollarisation, maintaining monetary autonomy and limiting import of external stablecoins tied to foreign currencies. Recent IMF guidelines classify stablecoins as financial instruments.

So, cryptocurrencies can no longer be dismissed as a fringe phenomenon. The future envisages their integration into the financial system.

QUOTE CORNER

Since I've gotten to the Senate, I always felt it was a strange shadow hanging over this institution—that the longest speech, all the issues that have come up, all the noble causes that people have done, or the things that we typically try to stop—I just found it strange that he had the record.

Cory Booker, after speaking for 25 hrs 5 mins to beat Strom Thurmond's record for longest US Senate speech that tried to filibuster the Civil Rights Act

The tariffs have no basis in logic and they go against the basis of our two nations' partnership. This is not the act of a friend.

Anthony Albanese, prime minister of Australia, on Trump's tariffs

After he scored a goal he said thank you to the sports science and physios for what they've done for him. He lifted the stadium and the energy.

Mikel Arteta, Arsenal manager, on Bukayo Saka's return after injury

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Bangladesh's intent

Ref: *Want positive, constructive ties: PM to Yunus* (Apr 5). At Bangkok, India emphasised its commitment to a democratic, peaceful and inclusive Bangladesh, while addressing formal cooperation and security concerns. Bangladesh, on the other hand, concentrated on extraditing Sheikh Hasina and border violence. Recently, Muhammad Yunus has encouraged China to increase its economic influence in Bangladesh, noting that the seven landlocked northeastern Indian states lack sea access. This appears to contrast with India's interests, raising questions about Yunus's intentions, which may not be entirely clear.

R S Narula, Patiala

Inflationary tariffs

Ref: *Indirect effects of Trump tariffs may hit India harder* (Apr 5). The tariff wars between the US and the rest of the world are not in the best interests of the world community. It will make the poor even poorer, as the prices of all items of mass consumption are likely to touch the roof. Making ends meet will become that much more challenging.

V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

Judicial selection

Ref: *How not to open the doors of the judiciary* (Apr 5). Constitutional silence on the method for selecting judges has turned their appointment into a controversial issue. The column's suggestion to learn from the best practices in Canada, Australia, Kenya and South Africa to have an independent commission with better representative and participative character is noteworthy.

H Syed Othuman, Tirunelveli

Reckless driving

Ref: *Honk loudly, let policymakers wake up* (Apr 5). Safety has become one of the most important aspects for carmakers, yet the ignorance of commuters towards road rules is disastrous. Hundreds of people die on our roads everyday and the government must take immediate action in strengthening licence test norms and severely punishing offenders. After all, the recklessness and stupidity responsible for taking innocent lives has to be ceased.

Gyan Chaturvedi, Hyderabad

Data dashboard

Sub: *Focus on the format* (Apr 5). The new portal should not restrict socio-economic data to just three decades, but make it available since the beginning of the five-year plans for long-term analysis. Often, government portals are not user-friendly, which in turn prove ineffective in dissemination. There should be a dashboard with the statistics in simple terms if the portal aims to convey the real scenario to the public at large.

Jiji Panicker K, Pathanamthitta

Real heroes

Ref: *Goyal's start-up comment draws mixed reactions* (Apr 5). It is refreshing to see this topic being addressed. While India has seen a surge in startups, the true spirit of innovation still seems elusive. In a country where many aspire to jobs at call centres, in food delivery, and in entertainment-driven lifestyles, it is worth asking about striving for genuine innovation? When will we nurture homegrown visionaries who can rival global pioneers like Steve Jobs and Elon Musk? If not, can we at least shift our focus from idolising flashy celebrities to supporting our real heroes—the scientists, entrepreneurs and innovators shaping India's future.

Vijay Vishwanath, Chennai

Majority's decision

Ref: *Speaker chides Sonia over Waqf Bill remark* (Apr 5). Sonia Gandhi's contention that the Waqf Amendment Bill was bulldozed through parliament is contrary to the truth. Due process was followed at every stage and the bill was passed by majority vote. The bill was also adequately deliberated in parliament, with opportunities provided to those opposing it to present their views. In a democracy, the majority's view needs to be accepted and one needs to move on.

R Sriramprasad, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Raghav Chadha @raghav_chadha
Happy Durga Ashtami to you all. May you all remain healthy, happy and joyful with the grace of Mother, that is my prayer.

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Heartfelt congratulations to PM Modi for being conferred with Sri Lanka's highest civilian honour, the "Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana."

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
It is important to note the fall of millions of crores in country's stock market because this is sinking savings and capital of common people.

PM: India expects Lanka to meet aspirations of Tamils

Meets Tamil leaders from Northern, Eastern provinces of island nation

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi conveyed to Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake that India expects Sri Lanka to meet the aspirations of the Tamil community and hold provincial council elections, as part of their wide-ranging conversation on Saturday. He also met a group of Tamil leaders from Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka and reaffirmed India's continuous commitment to work for the well-being of the community.

"President Disanayaka apprised me of his inclusive approach. We hope that the Sri Lankan Government will meet the aspirations of the Tamil people and fulfil its commitment towards fully implementing the Constitution of Sri Lanka, and conducting Provincial Council Elections," Modi said in his media statement after the talks.

The Tamil community in Sri Lanka has been calling for the implementation of the 13th Amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution, which grants them greater power and autonomy. The 13th Amendment was introduced following the Indo-Sri Lankan agreement of 1987. On Modi's meeting with the Tamil leaders, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the Prime Minister "reaffirmed India's continuous commitment to work for the well-being of the Sri Lankan Tamil community."

After the meeting with the Tamil leaders, Modi shared a picture on X, saying: "Meeting with the leaders of Sri Lanka's Tamil community is always a joy. I expressed my sorrow over the passing of two respected Tamil leaders I knew, R Sambanthan and Mavai Senathirajah."

He then added: "I emphasised our unwavering commitment to equality, dignity, and justice for the Tamil community within a united Sri Lanka." PM Modi also noted the contributions to their social, economic, and cultural progress, highlighting various projects launched during his visit. Modi also said that the construction work of 10,000 houses for the Indian origin Tamil community in Sri Lanka will be completed soon.

The two sides also discussed the issue of fishermen and the need to treat the issue of them straying into Sri Lankan waters on humanitarian ground. "It is something that has remained a constant feature of discussions at all levels, including the highest levels between the two sides. As the Prime Minister said himself during his remarks, there was emphasis on the need to adopt a humanitarian and constructive approach to cooperation on these issues because these are ultimately issues that impact the livelihood of fishermen on both sides," Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said.

Centre brings together Meitei, Kuki civil society leaders to peace talks table

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

IN an effort to bring peace in ethnic violence-hit Manipur, the Centre on Saturday succeeded in bringing leaders of the civil society organisations representing the warring Meitei and Kuki communities together at the negotiating table for the first time since conflict erupted in May 2023.

Senior Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) officials were also present. Terming it as a "significant" development, as previous dialogues were held separately with the leaders of the two communities, sources said the government organised the meeting as part of its prolonged and consistent efforts to find an amicable solution to the prolonged conflict that has engulfed the state for nearly two years.

A six-member Meitei delegation comprising representatives from the All Manipur United Clubs' Organisation (AMUCO) and the Federation of Civil Society Organisations (FOCS) attended the meeting. The Kuki delegation comprised nine representatives, while from the Centre's side the government's side interlocutor AK Mishra, a retired special director of the Intelligence Bureau, participated along with other senior officials.

The sources said the discussions focused on rebuilding trust, improving cooperation, and outlining a roadmap to bring back normalcy in the restive northeastern state. The talks also stressed the importance of maintaining law and order and promoting reconciliation between the two communities.

During a recent debate on Manipur in Parliament, Home Minister Amit Shah said the MHA held talks with the representatives of the Meitei and the Kuki communities in the past. "The MHA will soon convene a joint meeting," Shah had said, replying to a short debate, which adopted a Statutory Resolution confirming the imposition of the President's rule in Manipur.

President's rule in Manipur was imposed on February 13 following the resignation of CM N Biren Singh on February 9. Since May 3,over 250 people have died in the ethnic violence.

K ANNAMALAI

WILL HE, WON'T HE? GUESS ON

PON VASANTH BA

THE political candidate who understands TV — whatever his party, goals, or beliefs — can gain power unknown in history," said media theorist Marshall McLuhan in 1969.

It's unclear whether K Annamalai, the 40-year-old Tamil Nadu BJP president once trolled for claiming to have devoured 20,000 books, has studied McLuhan.

However, he seems to have imbibed this idea perfectly, as he dominates the news cycle yet again by keeping speculation alive about his continuation as state president.

Political observers may debate the BJP's empirical growth in Tamil Nadu since Annamalai joined the party in August 2020 and became its state president 10 months later. But many cadres and supporters felt finally got a 'leader', not just a 'state president', as a senior party leader puts it. With tireless engagement with the media, he often sidelined the AIADMK, which ruled the state for three decades positioning the BJP as the DMK's chief rival.

His 'larger-than-life' image was evident during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, when media from north India descended en masse on Coimbatore, his constituency. Though he lost to the DMK, Annamalai relegated the AIADMK to a distant third in the constituency, once considered its stronghold.

That he had to contest against the AIADMK instead of fighting the DMK together with him was his own doing; at least that is what AIADMK stated while exiting the BJP-led NDA in September 2023. Now, signals of a patch-up for the 2026 Assembly elections have thrust Annamalai back into focus following AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami's March 25 meeting with Amit Shah.

Since March 2023, Annamalai has expressed unease about allying with the AIADMK, calling it detrimental to the BJP's long-term interests. One plus one is never two in electoral arithmetic, but one cannot deny that the DMK-led alliance's victory was cemented by the BJP-AIADMK split. In theory, Annamalai could have won Coimbatore as their combined vote share was higher than that of DMK's. This was true in 12 other constituencies. While the BJP improved its vote share and pushed the AIADMK-led alliance to third place in 12 seats, it was a "historic" rout for the AIADMK as it lost deposit in seven constituencies, a first for the party. This explains AIADMK's willingness to risk alienating minorities as another electoral defeat could prove catastrophic for the party and especially EPS. A five-cornered 2026 contest with actor Vijay's TVK and Seeman's NTK in the fray might hand the DMK-led alliance a clean sweep.

Annamalai seems to acknowledge the alliance's inevitability as he has since stressed that "ousting the DMK" and "Tamil Nadu's welfare" outweigh party interests. Yet he appears reluctant to lead the party in such an alliance since he also told the media that he entered politics not for power but to "clean up Tamil Nadu's politics" and "fight corruption". His three-year presidential term technically ended in 2024, but the BJP deferred organisational polls in many states. Though the party constitution permits a second term, Annamalai stepping down as state president, ostensibly due to his "principled opposition" to the alliance, can put BJP in a sticky spot. After all, how could he campaign for an alliance that he is fundamentally opposed to?

On Friday, when asked directly if he is in the race for state president, Annamalai replied to the media, "I am not." Some media outlets declared this as his resignation. However, he also remarked with a smile during the same interaction that he is not in the "race" because there is no such competition in the BJP since matters are decided unanimously.

The coming week will provide clarity on his future. Should he step down, he might benefit from another McLuhan statement on how Richard Nixon benefitted from changing a "hot, sharply-defined image and action (on the TV)" to an "earnest, modest, quietly sincere — in a word, cool" image. Or Annamalai may have the last laugh having controlled the narrative and creating a frenzy among supporters and media while knowing all along he is likely to stay president.

NEWSMAKER

WAQF BILL

After JD(U), tension in another NDA ally RLD; but Jayant downplays rift

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AFTER a flurry of resignations by Muslim leaders of the JD(U) in Bihar, another NDA ally – Jayant Chaudhury-led Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) – faces rebellion as party's general secretary Shahzeb Rizvi quit the party accusing Chaudhury of betraying Muslims by supporting the Waqf Amendment Bill of the Modi government.

Confirming his resignation, Rizvi said after enjoying overwhelming support from the Muslim community in elections, RLD national president Jayant Chaudhary's decision to support the Waqf bill in Parliament was nothing short of betrayal.

Meanwhile, in a dramatic turn of events, a day after Rizvi's resignation, the RLD on Saturday, disowned him. "Who is Shahzeb Rizvi? We don't know any such person by this name," asserted RLD national secretary Trilok Tyagi.

Rizvi, however, maintained that he joined the RLD in February 2023 in Meerut in the presence of Tyagi himself. Till 2020, Rizvi was with the SP. He also shared pictures of his joining, where he can be seen standing next to Tyagi. In few other photographs, Rizvi is also seen with Jayant Chaudhury and other senior RLD leaders, while the party leadership asserted that Rizvi had little role in the party. "He is giving wrong information about his association with the party," a senior leader said.

Meanwhile, Rizvi claimed that many more leaders would follow suit in the coming days. He asserted that over 2,000 RLD workers were ready to resign with him.

Accusing Chaudhary of disregarding the sentiments of Muslim voters, Rizvi said: "If RLD has 10 MLAs in western UP today, then Muslims have contributed a lot to this."

More Muslim leaders quit JD(U) over Waqf Bill

Afridi Rehman, the state general secretary of JD(U)'s minority cell, resigned from both the party and his organisational post. Afridi said he had stepped down from JD(U)'s primary membership and the post of state general secretary in the minority cell following the party's support to the Waqf Bill.

After Muslims, focus now on land of Christians, says Rahul

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A day after the Congress party moved the Supreme Court challenging Waqf (Amendment) Bill, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday alleged that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has now shifted focus to Catholic Church land after the passage of Waqf Bill.

In a post on X, he shared an article from RSS linked magazine which claimed that Catholic institutions are the largest landholder in the country. However, the article has been taken down from the website of the magazine since then. "I had said that the Waqf Bill attacks Muslims now but sets a precedent to target other communities in the future," he wrote.

"The Constitution is the only shield that protects our people from such attacks -- and it is our collective duty to defend it," he said.

After the passage of the Bill, Gandhi said that the "Waqf Bill attacks Muslims" and "sets a precedent to target other communities in future".

Congress leader KC Venugopal too shared another article pointing to the Catholic Church surpassing the Waqf Board in landholdings and said, "As predicted, first one minority targeted, now onto the next." The article, published in the Organiser on April 3, said that the Catholic Church owns around 17.29 crore acres of land across the country and it is not the Waqf Board but the Catholic Church of India which is the largest landholder in the country.

Criticising the BJP and RSS, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan said it is a step-by-step attempt to target and isolate minorities and their institutions. "The article, published soon after the Waqf Amendment Act was passed, lays bare the Sangh Parivar's deep-rooted antagonism towards minorities. Though later withdrawn, it reveals a deliberate, step-by-step attempt to target and isolate minorities and their institutions. Secular forces must unite in resistance," he wrote on X.

It is turn of AAP MLA to move SC against Waqf bill

SUCHITRA K MOHANTY @ New Delhi

AAP MLA and former Delhi Waqf Board chairman Amanatullah Khan has moved the Supreme Court challenging the constitutional validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill after the law was cleared by both Houses of Parliament and now awaits the President's assent.

Challenging the Waqf bill, three petitions were filed before the top court on Friday. According to a senior official of the SC Registry, the matter is very sensitive in nature and the pleas may come up for hearing in the top court very soon, possibly within 4-5 days.

In his plea, Khan sought the Waqf bill be declared "unconstitutional," asserting the Bill was in violation several provisions, including Article 14 (Right to equality), 25 & 26 (Freedom to practice, and manage religious affairs), 29 (Minority rights) and 300A (Right to property).

Efforts to keep Paris Agreement afloat: Envoy

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

AMID the US tariff war and its exit from the Paris Agreement, a group of European climate envoys met their Indian counterparts to discuss how to mobilise climate funding through private investment and keep the multilateral climate treaty alive.

"Our discussions focused on how to keep the Paris Agreement functional and viable for all of us, rather than abandoning it," said **Anthony Agotha**, EU Special Envoy for Climate and Environment at the European External Action Service (EEAS).

During their three-day visit from April 2 to 4, the climate envoys from Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the EEAS expressed concerns about the significant gap in climate mitigation funding in the wake of by the US withdrawal from the climate treaty.

The envoys sought to engage their Indian counterparts to facilitate private investment in energy transition and address the funding gap. Countries in the Global South have estimated a requirement of $1.3 trillion in climate finance to support the nationally determined contributions (NDCs) of developing countries.

So far, developed countries have proposed $300 billion per year by 2035 under the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance, which falls far short of what is needed.

When asked whether the inadequate climate funds have created a trust deficit between developed and developing nations, the climate envoys noted that funds should be channeled through market mechanisms.

Gerhard Schlaudraff, Deputy Envoy for International Climate Action in Germany, said developed countries have raised their contributions from $100 billion to $300 billion, and the remaining funds should come from market channels.

"There are $200 trillion in private capital globally, and we need to source the remaining $1 trillion from there," Gerhard explained. "The demand for $1.3 trillion initially came from the G-77 countries, with India later leading this demand."

The US, as the largest greenhouse gas emitter, has complicated fund generation by leaving the Paris Agreement. "How long can we maintain our contributions if the biggest polluter has left the treaty? We have to answer to our citizens as well. Meeting the climate funding targets has become increasingly complex," Anthony Agotha remarked.

Asked about any discussions on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), the envoys defended it as a climate-friendly policy. "The CBAM is a critical issue for us. We view it as neither punitive nor protectionist but rather as a climate-friendly policy. We aim to simplify it to assist importers and aid developing countries in their energy transitions," Agotha said.

The EU's CBAM policy seeks to address "carbon leakage" by imposing duties on imports of certain carbon-intensive goods. Amid buzz of reduce dependency on Russian gas, some EU countries, like the Netherland, may invest in nuclear energy programme.

'Private investment in energy transition'

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SC seeks Centre's reply on cheaper medicines for rare spinal disorder

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday asked the Centre and the manufacturer of the drug Risdiplam, which is used for the treatment of the rare disorder spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), whether the medication can be offered at a lower price in India, if it is supplied to the neighbouring countries, such as Pakistan and China, at a cheaper rate.

A three-judge bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Justices Sanjay Kumar, and K V Viswanathan sought a response from the Centre and the drug manufacturer on the issue.

The court was apprised about the drug prices from the senior counsel, Anand Grover, appearing for a 24-year-old woman from Kerala, Seba, suffering from a Group III rare disease—SMA. The drug was being sold at a cheaper rate by M/s. F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, the drug manufacturer, in Pakistan and China compared to India.

While noting that several patients are suffering from the disorder in India, the top court fixed the matter for further hearing next week.

Advocate Grover told the bench that Risdiplam is sold at a whopping price of around ₹6 lakhs in India, whereas it was being sold at a much cheaper price in Pakistan and China at ₹41,000 and ₹45,000 per bottle, respectively. This was might because of the intervention of govts of those countries.

"Why can't the Indian govt negotiate with the manufacturer to bring the price down or produce it as a generic drug to reduce the exorbitant cost of treatment," he argued.

Grover further added that in India, there may be thousands of families where patients are affected by this disease. Due to a lack of infrastructure, the ailment is left undetected.

Earlier on February 24, the top court stayed a Kerala HC order asking the Centre to provide medicines worth ₹18 lakh to Seba over and above the ₹50 lakh which such patients are entitled to under a Central government scheme.

The Centre approached the top court to challenge the HC's order. The SC, in its order, said the impugned judgement shall stay in operation until the next hearing date. However, the petitioners may examine the request made on behalf of respondent No. 1 (Seba) as permissible in law.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Plea seeking release of elderly prisoners

A PIL has been filed before the SC by National Legal Services Authority, seeking release of elderly and terminally ill convicted prisoners across the country. It highlighted the dire conditions faced by such prisoners and called for release of the identified prisoners in line with constitutional and human rights obligations.

IN POLICE NET

A 33-year-old man has been arrested from Ulhasnagar in Thane district for allegedly abetting his 25-year-old wife to suicide for not delivering a male child, police officials said on Saturday.

1 COUPLE MOWED DOWN BY TRUCK IN UTTAR PRADESH'S JHANSI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	25	Mumbai	34	27
Bhopal	38	23	Panaji	34	27
Jaipur	40	25	Patna	37	24
Amritsar	34	19	Lucknow	38	22
Chennai	32	28	Port Blair	28	26
Kolkata	36	28	Imphal	28	17
Srinagar	23	09	Chandigarh	37	19

DECLINING TREND OF VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY LEFT-WING EXTREMISM IN LAST SIX YEARS

Since 2019: (Based on latest MHA data)

STATE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Andhra Pradesh	13	11	08	03	03	01
Bihar	48	17	20	11	04	02
Chhattisgarh	182	241	188	246	305	267
Jharkhand	166	154	100	96	129	69
Kerala	00	01	00	00	04	00
Madhya Pradesh	04	07	15	16	07	11
Maharashtra	48	13	15	16	19	10
Odisha	34	21	11	16	12	06
Telangana	06	05	04	09	03	08
TOTAL	**501**	**470**	**361**	**413**	**485**	**374**

WOULD 2025 BE THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR MAOISTS?

With Amit Shah setting March 31, 2026 deadline for elimination, forces launch series of ops pushing the ultra-Left to the wall

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AFTER Union Home Minister Amit Shah set a target date of March 31, 2026, for eradicating Naxalism from the country, the entire state machinery, including the security forces, is making a concerted effort to address the issue. Official government data indicate a significant decline in Left-Wing-Extremism (LWE)- induced violence over the past six years, dropping from a total of 501 incidents in 2019 to 374 in 2024.

However, the trend slightly increased from 361 in 2021 to 413 in 2022 and 485 in 2023. "But the rise in 2022 and 2023 occurred due to increased counter LWE operations by security forces, who commenced entering into the core areas dominated by the extremists," Union Minister of State (MoS) for Home Nityanand Rai said.

In March, three back-to-back encounters took place in Chhattisgarh, leading to the neutralisation of 33 Maoists. However, during the operations, one DRG of the state police was also martyred.

On March 20, in the encounters in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur and Kanker districts, of the 30 Maoists killed, 16 were women cadres. Again on March 25, the security forces neutralised three extremists on the inter-district border of Dantewada and Bijapur of the state.

Encouraged by successes, which the security forces achieved against Naxal operatives, Shah, while reiterating the government's "zero tolerance policy" against Naxalism, asserted that the Centre has been taking a "ruthless approach" against Naxal insurgents, who "refuse to surrender despite opportunities provided for reintegration".

A senior Police officer, however, on the condition of anonymity, disagreed with the assertion of the term "ruthless", saying that the left-wing extremists are not like enemies from across the country's borders. "They are all Indians, and they need to be brought back to join the mainstream," he added.

He also asserted that the issue of Naxalism is connected to civil society, and the government should address the issue of inequality by tackling the issue politically.

Attributing the recent successes in dealing with the LWE, the MoS (Home) said, "The government has envisaged a multi-pronged strategy involving security-related measures, developmental interventions and ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities."

Among the several measures, intelligence gathering has been playing a pivotal role in security forces' successes with the sharing of inputs through the Multi-Agency Centre (MAC) at the central level and the State Multi-Agency Centre (SMAC) at the state level, a senior security official said.

Noting that the earlier majority of casualties to security forces in anti-Naxalite operations were caused due to IEDs, the officials said the MHA has given extensive support for counter-IED capacity building for Central Armed Police Forces and state police forces.

While Chhattisgarh's Bastar region and Madvi Hidma—one of the most wanted Naxals and a top leader—remain significant challenges for the forces, the Naxal leadership is shrinking, he said. With limited weapons and minimal support from locals, Naxal leaders are essentially fighting a losing battle, struggling to maintain their propaganda.

MAOIST LEADERS ON THE RADAR

NAMBALA KESHAVA RAO, ALIAS BASAVARAJ, THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPI(M), MUPPALLA LAKSHMAN RAO ALIAS GANAPATHY, MALLOJULA VENUGOPAL, KATAKAM SUDARSHAN, AND MADVI HIDMA

NAXAL-INFESTED STATES AND DISTRICTS

Andhra Pradesh: Alluri Sitaramaraju district

Chhattisgarh: Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada, Dhamtari, Gariyaband, Kanker, Kondagaon, Mahasamund, Narayanpur, Rajnandgaon, Mohalla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki, Khairgarh-Chhuikhadan Gandai, Sukma, Kabirdham, Mungeli

Jharkhand: Giridih, Gumla, Latehar, Lohardaga, West Singhbhum

Kerala: Wayanad, Kannur

Madhya Pradesh: Balaghat, Mandla

Maharashtra: Gadchiroli, Gondia, Dindori

Telangana: Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Bolangir,

Odisha: Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, and Rayagada

MAOIST LEADERS ELIMINATED SO FAR

Bade Chokka Rao alias Damodar (Telangana State Secretary): Killed on January 20, 2025

Pratap Reddy Ramachandra Reddy alias Chalapati (member Central Committee): Killed on January 20, 2025

Kursam Mangu alias Bhadru (Area Commander): Killed on December 1, 2024

Vikram Gowda alias Srikanth Naxal Leader): Killed on November 18, 2024

Niti alias Urmila Member Zonal Committee): Killed on October 4, 2024

Macharla Yesobu alias Jagan (Central Military In-Charge): Killed on September 3, 2024

DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN NAXAL INFESTED AREAS

Road connectivity: 14,618 Kms of all-weather road constructed

Telecom connectivity: 7,768 mobile towers commissioned

Skill development: 46 ITIs and 49 Skill Development Centres (SDC) functional

Quality education: 178 Eklavya Model Residential Schools opened & functional

Financial inclusion: 5,731 Post Offices with banking facility, 1,007 bank branches & 937 ATMs opened. Also 37,850 Banking Correspondents made

Uproar over UP teacher naming RSS in test paper

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A professor of a degree college affiliated with Chaudhury Charan Singh University in Meerut has been banned from all examination and evaluation work for allegedly setting a question paper comprising controversial questions about the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

The action to impose a 'lifetime ban' on Professor Seema Panwar, head of the political science department of Meerut College, an affiliated college of CCSU, was initiated on Friday.

The debarment order came hours after activists of ABVP, the student wing of RSS, lodged a protest against the professor.

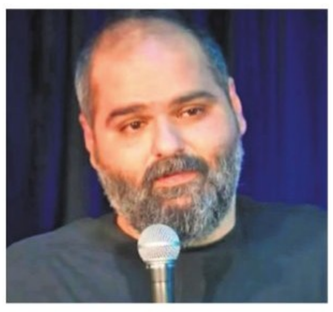
Two multiple-choice questions (MCQs) linked to the RSS triggered trouble for the professor. Question 87 asked what led to the rise of RSS, with one of the choices suggesting it was due to religious and caste-based politics. Question 97 mentioned the RSS along with the likes of Naxalites, the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front, and other groups.

Consequently, an internal inquiry was set up, which revealed that Prof Panwar had set the examination paper.

According to Dhirendra Kumar Verma, Registrar, CCSU, Prof Panwar has been debarred from all examinations and evaluation work in the university for life.

BookMyShow delisted comedian Kamra from its artist list, says Sena

SUDHIR SURYAWNSHI @ Mumbai



DAYS after the Maharashtra Deputy CM Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena created a furore over **Kunal Kamra**'s controversial "traitor" joke, BookMyShow on Saturday removed the stand-up comedian from its artists list across its platforms.

Shiv Sena's social media incharge, Rahul Kanal, posted the message on his social media account, claiming that the online ticketing platform has removed the comedian from its list due to his complaint against him. Kanal thanked the BookMyShow CEO Ashish Hemrajani for keeping such artists out of the list of pure entertainment".

"I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support of your team in taking the said artist out of your sale and promotion listing. Thank you for even taking him out of the BookMyShow search history. Your belief in maintaining peace and respecting our emotions has been instrumental," Kanal stated in a letter to Hemrajani on X.

He said Mumbaikars love and believe in every form of art but not personal agendas. "Your personal touch and guidance by your team were invaluable in navigating and reaching a solution. We deeply value your commitment to BookMyShow's values that align with the support and customer experience; your vision and leadership are truly inspiring."

Controversy erupted after the stand-up comedian, in his show in Mumbai, mocked DCM Eknath Shinde for breaking away from Shiv Sena and forming a government with the BJP. He called Shinde a traitor without naming him.

Reacting to it, Shiv Sena workers led by Kanal vandalised the studio and filed a case against the comedian for mocking their leader. Three separate FIRs have been registered against him at the Khar Police Station, based on the complaints by the Mayor of Jalgaon, a hotelier, and a businessman from Nashik. However, the Madras High Court has given him interim relief from the arrest by Mumbai police.

Gujarat monk gets 10 years for raping devotee

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A Sessions Court in Surat on Friday found a Jain monk named Shantisagar guilty of raping a devotee on the pretext of a tantric ritual at a shrine in Timaliyawad eight years ago. The Additional Sessions Judge's Court sentenced the monk, who has remained in jail since October 2017, to 10 years in prison on Saturday. The victim was just 19, while Jain Muni Shantisagar was 49 when the incident reportedly occurred.

Besides the survivor's testimony, medical reports and statements from 32 witnesses strengthened the prosecution.

According to the complaint, the victim visited the Jain Digambar temple in Timaliyawad with her parents in October 2017. The family had travelled to Surat for a "ceremony" after watching the monk's sermon. Upon reaching the temple, Shantisagar claimed that the ceremony was to be conducted overnight and made the family stay there.

Shaktisagar began the assault by trapping the family in a ritual in which they were made to sit in a sandalwood-drawn circle and chant mantras, forbidden from moving. The monk allegedly lured the girl away and brutally raped her behind closed doors.

'Sacked' teachers up ante, to gherao Nabanna on Apr 21

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

TWO days after the Supreme Court upheld the Calcutta High Court's verdict dismissing 25,700 teachers in state-run schools in West Bengal, those who lost their jobs said on Saturday that they will gherao Nabanna, the secretariat, on April 21.

After the SC order, teachers gathered at Shahid Minar grounds in Kolkata and many of them broke into tears, saying the verdict has plunged them into uncertainty.

"We have called a Nabanna Abhiyan on April 21 and demand immediate replacement of our jobs. Our families are shattered after the SC verdict," said Souparnya Mondal, a teacher employed at a government school in Baruipur. Radharani Mondal, who topped the merit list of 2016, said, "I am dejected after the Supreme Court verdict. We are in desperate need of jobs and we earnestly request our chief minister to do something for us."

Expressing surprise over the Supreme Court judgment, CM Mamata Banerjee assured support to the teachers whose appointment was scrapped. The CM who held an emergency meeting at the state secretariat said that she was "unable to accept the judgment from the humanitarian point of view while respecting the judges who delivered."

Opposition party leaders said that the Trinamool Congress government had taken over a year's time to distinguish between the deserving and undeserving candidates and the failure to do so led to an uncertain future for thousands.

BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari said, "A lot of genuine candidates got dragged into this scam. If there is no democratic transparency in the recruitment process, then it is hard to determine who is part of the scam and who is clean." He said that the only way to clean up the process is to start fresh. "The genuine candidates are now suffering due to the government's corruption," he said.

The West Bengal school recruitment scam came to the fore with the arrest of former education minister Partha Chatterjee in July 2022. Several officials of the state education department and the School Service Commission were arrested for their involvement in the scam.

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Vasundhara's raj beyond the world of politics

She may be on the fringes of Rajasthan's politics, but Vasundhara Raje knows just how to stay relevant. And she's doing it with a touch of royalty and tradition! Despite being sidelined by the BJP bosses, the former CM never misses an opportunity to make an appearance at important events. She recently made headlines by travelling to Udaipur after the demise of Arvind Singh, a member of the erstwhile royal family of Mewar. Raje mingled with the locals on the occasion and subtly reinforced the notion — she may be out of power, but she's certainly not out of the picture. With every well-timed appearance, Raje is making it clear that she still thrives.

Raj CM, Birla's kachori diplomacy talk of town

Kota isn't just the coaching capital of India. It is also renowned for its irresistible kachori. On a recent trip to Kota, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma indulged in a little "taste of diplomacy" as he grabbed a bite of kachori with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. But was it just a casual snack? Not quite. Rumours had been swirling about political tensions between the CM and Birla over their influence in Rajasthan's power corridors. But with one bite, Sharma sent out a loud message — no bitterness but only a blend of flavours! Power plays come in many shapes and forms. But in Kota, the smartest move isn't just about policy; it's about a plate of kachoris!

CM's snub to Eid triggers political row in state

Rajasthan's Congress president Govind Singh Dotasra took a sharp dig at CM Bhajan Lal Sharma on Tuesday for failing to extend Eid greetings to the state residents. Dotasra took to X and wrote, "I pray that the Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb (culture) remains safe." He noted that the greetings extended by a leader on such occasions reflect their sentiments as the "head of the family" for the entire state. A quick scroll through the CM's social media handles tells an interesting story. Over the past few days, Sharma's handle has been buzzing with festival greetings, from Chaitra Navratri and Gangaur to Bhagwan Jhulelal Jayanti. But Eid? No.

Punjab Cong rift widens, rebels move high command against party chief

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

WITH two years left for the Assembly elections, dissent is brewing within the Punjab Congress, as several senior leaders have raised concerns over the working style of state unit president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and LoP Partap Singh Bajwa.

Sources said senior leaders, including state working president Bharat Bhushan Ashu, met Punjab affairs in-charge and former Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel in Delhi to air their grievances. The meeting, the sources said, was triggered by a show-cause notice issued to former Faridkot MLA and state party vice-president Khushaldeep Dhillon for allegedly breaching party discipline during a TV interview.

Ashu, who has been given a party ticket from Ludhiana (West) for the bypolls, is reportedly upset over the lack of support from the state leadership when he was arrested by the state vigilance bureau over corruption charges in a foodgrain transportation case.

The dissenting leaders told Baghel that the notice to Dhillon was unwarranted, saying that he had not said anything against the party. They also complained of being sidelined in key decision-making by the state's top leadership, the sources said.

The development comes days after Baghel met senior Punjab Congress leaders to address internal differences. Baghel had supported Warring and Bajwa, urging party members to unite ahead of the 2027 Assembly polls. He had also dismissed rumours of a leadership change.

The rift in the Congress unit was also evident when Warring and father-son duo Rana Gurjeet Singh and Rana Inder Pratap, both legislators, on Saturday held parallel rallies at Sultanpur Lodhi.

At the Parivartan Rally, Warring warned against a 1984-like situation being created in Punjab under the AAP government. He said, "Bhagwant Mann will be known as the most inefficient CM in Punjab's history." At the rally, Bajwa, referring to desecration of Ambedkar's statues in Punjab, said the AAP government had failed to provide protection to them.

Eco-friendly benches made of 9L recycled bottles

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Sports Department of Uttarakhand has launched an initiative aimed at bringing about social change through sports. Plastic bottles used during the 38th National Games earlier this year — hosted under the theme of Green Games — have been recycled to create eco-friendly benches, now installed at the Maharana Pratap Sports College in Dehradun.

Speaking exclusively to TNIE, Uttarakhand Sports Minister Rekha Arya highlighted the state government's commitment to sustainability. Discussing the state's decision to organise the sporting event with a focus on sustainability, he shared, "Several innovative initiatives have been launched, and this is just one such initiative."

Rekha explained that empty water bottles used by athletes and attendees at all event venues were collected and recycled to create benches.

9,870 kilograms of carbon emissions saved

Empty bottles were collected with the assistance of over 200 waste pickers and 100 sanitation workers. The recycling of these bottles helped save 9,870 kilograms of carbon emissions and approximately 2,67,000 megajoules of water energy,

"Currently, 10 benches have been prepared and delivered to the Maharana Pratap Sports College. Twenty more benches will be prepared," Arya added.

She emphasised that through this initiative, Uttarakhand has set a benchmark for environmental protection through sports. Student athletes from the college have also pledged to utilise the waste generated during training sessions and competitions in such ingenious ways.

Rekha shared, "Under this initiative, a total of 9,00,000 plastic bottles were collected — 6,00,000 before the games and 3,00,000 during the event. Out of these, 1,00,000 bottles were separated at 11 locations, and a company transformed them into benches through recycling." Speaking to TNIE, Director of Sports Prashant Arya shared insights about a comprehensive awareness campaign conducted prior to the Games. "We launched awareness initiatives across nine districts and 13 event venues," Arya revealed.

As part of the 'Mission Zero Plastic Bottle Waste', teams were educated to help the cause. "We collected the empty bottles with the assistance of over 200 waste pickers and 100 sanitation workers," he added. "The recycling of bottles helped save 9,870 kilograms of carbon emissions and approximately 2,67,000 megajoules of water energy," Arya concluded.

Notably, the National Games this year saw the participation of 9,545 athletes from across the country.

ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

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ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಕಲಂ 14(ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗಧಿತಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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ಷರಾ: ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಸ್ವಯಂ ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಯೋಜಿತ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ವಸತಿ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಾವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶ ಅಡಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ, ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients **Mr. Yasir Arfat Damudi** and **Mr. Mohammed Rizwan,** desirous of purchasing the Schedule Property from its owner **Mrs. Mumtaz Begum.**

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner against the said owners or objecting such sale should write to the undersigned within **TEN DAYS** of issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights in respect of the Schedule Property, after which period our clients shall proceed with the sale transaction on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever in nature on the Schedule Property.

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Residential Property bearing BDA Site No.7AM-267, BBMP Khatha No.1274/1249/7AM-267 situated in a layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority at Hennur Bellary Road (HBR) 1st Stage, 3nd Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore coming under the limits of BBMP measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 40 ft in all measuring 1200 sq ft with construction thereon consisting of ground floor measuring 1050 sq ft and first floor measuring 1700 sq ft and bounded on the:

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT').

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines Issued d by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was un-served/ not acknowledged / addressee left / this publication is now Issued.

1) Name and Address of the Borrower :- Sri. Harisha. K.C S/o Late. Chaluvaraju, Yellamma Temple Road, Kurupet, Kanakapura 562 117.

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- E Khatha No. 34-10-82, Kanakapura Nagarasabha Khatha No. 6144/5622, Northern portion, Maharajara Katte Road, Ward No. 16, Kanakapura Town & Taluk Ramanagar District. **Measuring :- East - West : 50 feet & North - South : 60 feet**

East by : **BWSSB Road,** West by :**G. Mahalakshmi 60 X 50 feet House ,** North by : **Nagarasabha Road,** South by :**Malavalli Venkatappa's Vacant land.**

Nature of Facility: **Long Term Loan of Rs. 24,00,000/-** A/c No :- **LTL :- 244** Loan issued Date :- **05.07.2019**

Out Standing Loan Amount: - Rs. 15,53,203/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred & Three Only), As on 24.03.2025, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.

Date of NPA :- 28-02-2025 Demand Notice dtd:- 25-03-2025 Branch:- RAMANAGARA TOWN.

2) Name and Address of the Borrower :-:- Sri. Peddula Reddy. K, S/o Late K Gangi Reddy, No. 57, 4th Cross, Yogeshwara Layout, Bidadi, Ramangar.

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- Bidadi Purashabha Property No. 348/402/478,Medanahalli, Sy. No. 98/15 of Banandur Village, Ward No. 18, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagaram Taluk & District. Measuring :- **East to West : 36.3 feet feet & North to South : 90 feet (3 Guntas).**

East by : **Land belonging to Venkatappa S/o Motathimmaiah,** West by : **Property belonging to Lakshmamma,** North by : **Property belonging to Govindappa,** South by : **Road.**

Nature of Facility: **Long Term Loan of Rs. 33,50,000/-** A/c No :- **LTL-0257** Loan issued Date :- **24-02-2020**

Out Standing Loan Amount: - Rs. 32, 97,400/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand & Four Hundred Only), As on 24-03-2025, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.

Date of NPA :- 08-03-2025 Demand Notice dtd:- 25-03-2025 Branch:- RAMANAGARA TOWN.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section (2) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtained written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

Place : Bangalore
Date : 05-04-2025

Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Limited.

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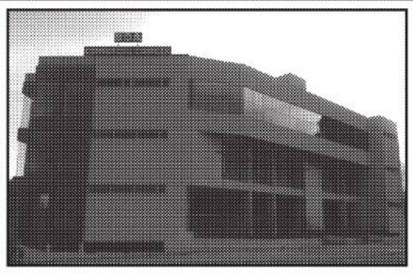

❖ Commercial Sites for e-Auction ❖

Date of Commencement of e-Auction: 07.04.2025

The Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru, announces the e-Auction of Commercial Sites. The auction / sale of these sites is conducted in accordance with the Bangalore Development Authority's Disposal of Corner Sites and Commercial Sites Rules, 1984. The sites are auctioned on **"AS IS WHERE IS"** BASIS.

Minimum raise of Bid Price in multiples of Rs. 1000 per sq. mtr.

Last date & time to express interest of participation in e-Auction: 03.05.2025, 5.00 p.m. IST

Date of commencement of Live Bidding: 07.05.2025, 11.00 a.m. IST
Last date for bid closing: 08.05.2025 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Sl. No	Layout	Sy. No.	East to West	North to South	Dimension of site	Minimum Bid amount per Sq.Mtr	Mobile No.
1	JP Nagar 8th stage 2nd Block Kothanur	38/1	(120.60+125.00)/2	(22.00+35.50)/2	3530.50	1,00,000.00	9886606002
2	Jnanabharathi 2nd Block Nagadevanahalli	108	Bulk land		5000.14	1,00,000.00	9535575790
3	RMV 2nd stage Lottegollahalli	10/1 & 10/11F	As per sketch	As per sketch	2380.58	2,00,000.00	8722433608
4	Bsk 3rd Stage Kattriguppe	126/1 & 126/2			3099.17	1,50,000.00	9844916955
5	Rajajinagar Industrial Suburb Layout (Peenya)	14	(15.00+14.50)/2	(33.00+33.40)/2	489.70	1,75.000.00	9964229250

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR e-AUCTION

1. The auction purchaser should be a Citizen of India.
2. EMD amount is fixed at **Rs. 50.00 lakh** (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) per site and this amount along with the e-Auction fee should be remitted as mentioned on the e-Procurement portal. 5% Service charge on EMD shall be deducted during refund if remitted to BDA's account instead of E-Auction portal.
3. Advice letters will be sent by e-mail to successful bidders (Highest bidders) to remit 25% of the total cost after deducting EMD amount of **Rs.50 lakhs,** and the remaining should be remitted **on or before 13.05.2025, 23.59.00 hrs.** Remittance challans should be submitted to Chief Accounts Officer, Finance Department, D Block 2nd Floor Room number 308. In case of failure to remit 25% within stipulated time, EMD shall be forfeited.
   Bank Name:- Canara Bank, BDA Complex Branch, Kumara Krupa West, Bengaluru-560020.
   Savings Account Name:- The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru.
   Savings Account Number:- 2828101053014
   IFSC Code No.:- CNRB0002828
   Mode of Payment:- RTGS / NEFT
   Bidders shall pay EMD / 25% from their own bank account only.
4. Uploading of PAN Card in e-auction portal is compulsory (Should be attested by Gazetted Officer/Notary/Attested by Embassy Office in case of N.R.I.). NRI's interested in participating in the e-auction may do so by uploading self attested certificates. Successful bidders can submit certification issued by Indian Embassy later.
5. Successful bidders after remitting 25% of the final bid amount should pay the balance 75% amount within 45 days of receiving the allotment letter from BDA.
6. EMD amount of Rs. 50 Lakhs of unsuccessful bidders will be credited to their Account within one month
7. **For more general terms and conditions visit our website: www.kbda.karnataka.gov.in**
8. **There should be minimum of 2 bidders for the e-auction sites. Single Bidder will be rejected.**
9. During bidding, if there is any duplication of Nick names for the same site, such bid will be rejected without assigning any reasons.
10. E-auction bidders can download the New e-Auction bidding user manual by logging on to the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.** For more information contact Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: 080-46010000 & 080-68948777.
11. Bidders are required to download the prescribed model signature format (in which applicant's name and father's name in Kannada & English Language) and Contact Information format from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in,** fill in the details and upload it on the website.
12. Joint Purchasers of the Site shall specify joint name in the Format provided and jointly upload their Aadhar card, PAN card, Marriage Certificate, Passport or any other Government issued documents in the e-Auction portal. Later requests for Joint registration will be rejected.
13. The auctioned Sites will be allotted to the successful bidders in the same condition as they are. Bidders participating in the e-auction must physically check the location of the site, Road width etc., before bidding. Sites allotted in the e-auction will not be cancelled / substituted.
14. Bidders participating in E-Auction are meant to adhere to all the terms and conditions specified above.
15. Regarding the e-Auction, Bidders should contact the Authority directly and should not contact any middle men.

Bidders have to read all the Terms and Conditions before bidding and shall participate accordingly.

For location of sites and other details, log on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
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No. BDA/EM/e-Auction/T-11/2024-25 Date: 29.03.2025 **Sd/- Engineer Member**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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BENGALURU

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance (Baanknet) .** through the website **https://Baanknet.Com/**

Sl. No.	1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve Price 3) Earnest Money Deposit	1) Last date of deposit of EMD 2) Last date of KYC documents 3) EMD Details 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	**1) BORROWER (S) : 1. VASU V,** #2, 1st C Main Road, Near Sallapuradamma Temple Goloyara Balage, Bangalore North, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore 560086. **Also At : VASU V,** No 58, 1st Floor, 1st Main , Khb Colony Nandini Layout, Bangalore 560096. **Also At : VASU V C/O VASU AND CO,** 10/13 APMC Yard, Yeshwanthpur, Near MG Complex, Bengaluru 560022. **Also At : VASU V,** Fiat No.b.205,2nd Floor, B Block, Ms Palazzo S.no.108/18, Jakkur Road, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalorenorth Taluk - 560 064. **(CO-BORROWER) : PADMA V W/O VASU V,** 59/47, Geleyarabalga, 3rd Main, Muneshwara Block, Blr Tq And Blr Dist, Bengaluru 560086. **2) Canara Bank - Hombegowdanagar Branch Mob. No. 8521113832**	**1) Rs.1,30,99,455.87** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	1) 23.04.2025 upto 5.00 pm 2) 23.04.2025 upto 5.00 pm 3) 3)EMD payment to E-Wallet or Through Challan generated in M/S PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) Portal. 4) Rs. 1,00,000/-	1. 24.04.2025 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 PM 3. 22.04.2025 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Description of the immovable/ movable assets: Schedule A Property : All the piece and parcel of immovable converted property bearing S.No.108/18, situated at Jakkur village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk - 560 064 measuirng about 1 acre & 37 guntas by residential conversion order no.BDS/ALN/SR/NA/195/02-03 dated 27.01.2003 in the jurisdiction of Byatarayanapura CMC with khatha no.9 /108 /B and 162/108/7B and bounded as follows, **East by :** Road , **West by :** Private property , **North by :** Private property and **South by :** Private Property .
Schedule B Property : As per the apartment schedule, this flat conveyed in this has the undivided share of 750 Sq.ft from the mentioned schedule A as per the standards & specification in JD agreement between the land lord and developer.
Schedule C Property: Flat no.B.205,2nd floor, B Block, MS Palazzo which is constructed on the property as per schedule A with the sanctioned plan LP No.276/2006-07 dated 27,05.2006 issued by the Byatarayanapura CMC & present BBMP Khatha No.820/I/162/108/IB/51-B-205 with the super builtup area of 1770 Sq.ft consisting of Hall,Kitchen,Dining,3 bedrooms,Bathroom, Balconies etc.,, with vitrified tiles flooring & common area usage & other facilities as available & exclusive one covered car parking.

A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs 97,50,000/- B) EMD - Rs 9,75,000/-

For all details contact at Regional Office, MG Road, Bangalore. Contact Numbers - 1) 70107 03787, 2) 79797 89851

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the branch.

Place: Bangalore, Date : 05.04.2025 **Authorized Officer, Canara Bank**

SREE CHARAN SOUHARDHA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD

Head Office # 87/1, H.B. Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi Bengaluru - 560 004, Phone : 26676837, Fax 26606135
e-mail scscb.helpdesk@sreecharanbank.com, web : www.sreecharanbank.com

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RE CONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of the Properties Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD Amount & EMD Date	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of opening tender & place of auction
		J P Nagar Branch, Bengaluru			
1	**(1) Mr. Deepak Divakar** S/o B G Divakar, **(2) Mrs. Jogihaly Mood Geetha Divakar, (3) Ms. Madhu D, All are residing at:** No.17/15, "Balaji Nilaya", 6th Main Road, Papaya Garden, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085. **(4) Mr. Anjanappa Sagar,** No.76, II Main, 9th Cross, Dinnur Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore-560032.	**Consolidated Schedule Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy No.36/1C4 (BBMP PID No.100-767-562/2), situated at Nagashettihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore now comes under BBMP, Bangalore presently Municipal No.562/2, RMV II Stage, HIG House, Bangalore-560094, measuring to the extent of East to West 47.5 feet and North to South 344 feet, totally measuring 16,335 Sq. ft. which is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereafter referred to be as the SCHEDULE 'A' Property and bounded on the following boundaries: East: Property of S G Vijayalakshmi, West: Remaining land in Survey No.36/1C, North: Road, South: Road. **Schedule 'A' Property: (Owned by Sri. K Umapathi) :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.36/1C4 (BBMP PID No.100-767-562/2), situated at Nagashettyhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently RMV II Stage, HIG House, Bangalore-560094, measuring East to West on the Northern Side 48 feet on the Southern Side 46.2 feet and towards North to South Eastern side 185.8 feet on the Western side 171 feet, totally measuring 8165 sq. ft. and bounded on the following boundaries: East: Remaining land in Survey No.36/1C4 Sold infavour of Sri K Gopinath,West: Remaining land in Survey No.36/1C, North: Road, South: Road. **Schedule 'B' Property:** (Owned by Sri. K Gopinath) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.36/1C4 (BBMP PID No.100-767-562/2), situated at Nagashettyhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently RMV II Stage, HIG House, Bangalore-560094, measuring East to West on the Northern Side 44.3 feet on the Southern Side 42.7 feet and towards North to South Eastern side 198.3 feet on the Western side 185.8 feet, totally measuring 8170 sq. ft. and bounded on the following boundaries: East: Survey No.36/1C measuring 21.75 guntas sold to S G Vijayalakshmi, West: Remaining land in Survey No.36/1C4 retained by Sri. K Umapathi, North: Road, South: Road. **Schedule 'C' Property:** (Subject Matter of Mortgage) Flat bearing No.S2 in Stilt Floor, measuring 1720 sq. ft. super built up area with garden area along with undivided share of land 296.70 sq. ft. in 'SMC BEVERLY VILLAS' containing 3 bed Rooms, and one covered car parking space in Basement Vide P S2 including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies on Schedule property with other specification contained hereunder together with 296.70 sq. ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in composite schedule property mentioned above, of Vitrified Flooring.	**Rs.1,39,32,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Nine Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Only) **EMD: Rs.13,93,200/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Two Hundred Only) **23.04.2025 before 4.30 PM.**	**Rs. 3,90,55,508/-** (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Eight Only) as on 31.03.2025 along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**24.04.2025 at 11.30 AM** **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-operative Bank Ltd., Head Office, Bengaluru.**
		Gandhi Bazar Branch, Bengaluru.			
2	**(1) Mrs. Jayanthi** W/o Srinivas S, **(2) Mrs. Lavanya S** D/o Srinivas S, **(3) Mr. Vinit.S** S/o Srinivas.S, **(4) Mr. Vignesh S** S/o Srinivas S, **(5) Mr. Vinod S** S/o Srinivas.S. **All are residing at:** No.679, Chruch Road, Ullalu Upanagara, Bengaluru-560056.	All that piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of the property bearing Katha No.287, formed in Survey No.199, situated at Ullalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru within the limits of BBMP Ward No.130, having BBMP Katha No.287/199/1, measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 15 feet, in all 525 sq. ft. with construction building thereon and bounded by: East: Road, West: Property of Yeshodamma, North: Remaining Portion of the same property, South: Property of Vijayamma.	**Rs.25,00,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Only) **EMD: Rs.2,50,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) **22.04.2025 before 4.30 PM.**	**A/c No.IPL-EMI-20200003 Rs.29,49,678/- and SBL-20200012 Rs.8,32,506/-, totally outstanding amount Rs.37,82,184/-(Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Four Only) as on 31.03.2025, along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.**	**23.04.2025 at 11.30 AM** **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-operative Bank Ltd., Head Office, Bengaluru.**
3	**1. Mr. Suraj K S** S/o K V Sathya Prakash, **2. Mr. K V Sathya Prakash** S/o K V Mudalaiah, **3. Mrs. S I Sadhana Sathya Prakash** W/o K V Sathya Prakash. **All are residing at:** No.118/6, 16th Cross, 1st Block, Near Navarang Theater, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010,	**SCHEDULE A PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.1, situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru and assigned as BBMP Katha No.355/689/A/1057/56/3/1, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 150 feet, totally measuring 9000 sq. ft. and bounded by: East: Road, West: Remaining portion of the same property, North: Private Property, South: Remaining portion of the same property. **SCHEDULE B PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.2, situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru and assigned as BBMP Katha No.355/689/A/ 1057/56/3/2, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 150 feet, totally measuring 9000 sq. ft. and bounded on: East: Remaining portion of the same property, West: Road, North: Private Property, South: Remaining portion of the same property.	**Rs. 7,87,32,000/-** (Rupees Seven Crore Eighty Seven Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Only) **EMD: Rs.78,73,200/-** (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Only) **24.04.2025 before 4.30 P M.**	**Rs.2,63,67,445.34/-** (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Three Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty Five and paisa Thirty Four Only) as on 31.10.2024, along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**25.04.2025 at 11.30 AM** **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-operative Bank Ltd., Head Office, Bengaluru.**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - (1) The Tender form can be collected from **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd. Head Office: No.87/1, H B Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. (ph. 080-26676837)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-** payable at Bengaluru. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bengaluru** latest by above mentioned date and time**.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders. **(8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% OF THE SALE PRICE (INCLUSIVE OF EMD)immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"** and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION". The intending bidder SHALL SATISFY HIM SELF about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **(15)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(16)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers /Guarantors / Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Op Bank Ltd. Head Office: No.87/1, H B Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. E-Mail: loans.ho@sreecharanbank.com / manager.holoans@sreecharanbank.com For ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property Contact (ph. 080-26676837) Mr. Niranjan Kumar T Mob: 9632383697 (M/s. SUN DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES PVT LTD)

Date: 05.04.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore.

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Beijing	25	7	LC	Los Angeles	27	12	SNY
Colombo	31	25	TDS	Melbourne	22	13	LC
Dhaka	34	25	LC	Moscow	-1	-4	LS
Dubai	38	26	SNY	New York	14	6	LR
Houston	16	9	LC	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	19	8	LR	Toronto	8	1	LC
London	15	5	SNY	Washington	23	8	TDS

Zelenskyy slams 'weak' US reply to Russia

KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Saturday slammed the US embassy for what he called a "weak" statement that did not blame Russia for a missile strike on his home town that killed 18 people, including nine children.

In one of the deadliest strikes in recent weeks, a Russian missile on Friday evening struck a residential area in the central Ukrainian town of Kryvyi Rig, followed up by attack drones.

Seventy-two people were wounded, Dnipropetrovsk governor Sergiy Lysak said after the end of emergency operations overnight.

Zelenskyy, in an emotional statement on social media named each one of the children killed in the attack, accusing the US embassy of avoiding referring to Russia as the aggressor.

Burning cars and fire in a damaged residential building at the site of a drone attack in Kharkiv amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine | AFP

"Unfortunately, the reaction of the American Embassy is unpleasantly surprising: such a strong country, such a strong people—and such a weak reaction," Zelensky wrote.

Zelensky singled out the United States for criticism as President Donald Trump has pushed for a partial ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine while seeking a thaw in ties with Moscow.

The Ukrainian president was taking aim at a message posted on X by US Ambassador Bridget Brink on Friday evening, which said: "Horrified that tonight a ballistic missile struck near a playground and restaurant".

Brink, who was appointed by Trump's predecessor Joe Biden, has been ambassador since May 2022, added that "this is why the war must end".

In recent posts on X she has not directly named Russia while referring to attacks on Ukraine, which she did regularly until mid-February, when Zelensky and Trump had an angry exchange in the Oval Office.

Zelensky wrote Saturday: "Yes, the war must end. But in order to end it, we must not be afraid to call a spade a spade." *AFP*

Trump goes all in, says heavy tariffs will pay off

Fed Chair Jerome Powell warns of increase in inflation, unemployment

WASHINGTON

NOT even 24 hours after his party lost a key Wisconsin race and underperformed in Florida, President Donald Trump followed the playbook that has defined his political career: He doubled down.

Trump's move on Wednesday to place stiff new tariffs on imports from nearly all US trading partners marks an all-in bet by the Republican that his once-fringe economic vision will pay off for Americans. It was the realization of his four decades of advocacy for a protectionist foreign policy and the belief that free trade was forcing the United States into decline as its economy shifted from manufacturing to services.

The tariff announcement was the latest and perhaps boldest manifestation of Trump's second-term freedom to lead with his instincts after feeling his first turn in the Oval Office was restrained by aides who did not share his worldview. How it shakes out could be a defining judgment on his presidency. The early reviews have been worrisome.

Financial markets had their worst week since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, foreign trade partners retaliated and economists warned that the import taxes may boost inflation and potentially send the U.S. into a recession. It's now Republican lawmakers who are fretting about their party's future while Democrats feel newly buoyant over what they see as Trump's overreach.

Democratic activists planned to participate in rallies across the country Saturday in what was shaping up as the largest demonstrations since Trump returned to office in January. Trump is unbowed.

He has promised that the taxes on imports will bring about a domestic manufacturing renaissance and help fund an extension of his 2017 tax cuts. He insisted on Thursday as the Dow Jones fell by 1,600 points that things were "going very well" and the economy would "boom," then spent Friday at the golf course as the index plunged 2,200 more points.

Tariffs may raise inflation: US Fed Chair

US tariffs will likely cause inflation to rise and growth to slow, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said, also warning of an "elevated" risk of higher unemployment.

President Donald Trump's dramatic trade measures have tightened scrutiny of Powell and how the Fed will react to free-falling financial markets.

Powell spoke just minutes after Trump posted on social media, urging him to cut interest rates immediately and accusing him of playing politics in his role running the independent US central bank. *Agencies*

Customers look at a stove shops at Riegelmann's Appliance in the US on Thursday, before the new tariffs kick in | AP

US sees rush for big-ticket items before tariffs

New York: Many US consumers have been rushing to buy big-ticket items before the tariffs take effect. Economists say the tariffs are expected to increase prices for everyday items, warning of potentially weakened US economic growth. Rob Blackwell and his wife needed a new car that could handle long drives from Arlington, Virginia, to their son's college. He had his eye on the new General Motors Optiq; it's an American car but made in Mexico, which could be subject to tariffs on supply chains that might increase the cost. After hearing that tariffs would be announced, they made plans the weekend before to lease the car. John Gutierrez had been thinking about buying a new laptop for the past year. But once Trump announced tariffs, Gutierrez ordered the laptop, with a base price of $2,400, from a retailer in New York.

EXPRESS READ

Indian national stabbed to death in Canada

Ottawa: An Indian national was stabbed to death near Canada's Ottawa city and police have taken one suspect in custody, the Indian mission in the country said. The High Commission of India in Ottawa, the capital of Canada, said the incident happened in Rockland. It did not identify the victim. "We are deeply saddened by the tragic death of an Indian national in Rockland near Ottawa due to a stabbing. Police have stated a suspect has been taken into custody," the High Commission posted on X on Friday. *PTI*

ASIA MATTERS

SINGAPORE

NETFLIX'S 'CON MUM' CHARGED WITH FRAUD

A British woman from the hit Netflix crime documentary "Con Mum", about her allegedly scamming her renowned pastry chef son, was charged with fraud in a Singapore court on Saturday. Dionne Marie Hanna, 84, was charged with five counts of fraud involving three people, the documents show. In the documentary film released on March 25, Hanna upends pastry chef Graham Hornigold's life when she emails him and claims she is his biological mother. She allegedly scams Hornigold as they reconnect, conning him of hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to the film.

SAFETY ALERT FOR VOLCANIC ERUPTION

Mount Semeru in East Java, erupted with volcanic ash reaching a height of 900 metres on Saturday. The Center for Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation has urged people living around the slopes of the mountain to stay alert and maintain a safe distance. Footage from a surveillance camera in Supiturang Village shows volcanic activities.

MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR REFUTES U.S. TARIFF CLAIMS

Malaysia denied a US claim that it imposes a tariff of 47% on American imports and said it will continue to engage with Washington to find a fair solution to trade issues. "Reciprocal tariffs do not serve the principles of free and fair trade stipulated under the World Trade Organization," the trade ministry said in a statement late Friday, which refuted the US authorities' assertion that Malaysia charges levies that amount to a 47% tariff on American goods coming into the country. The nation was slapped with a 24% tariff by President Donald Trump as part of broader tariffs applied by the US.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The below mentioned Sale Deed which was deposited in erstwhile State Bank of Mysore now State Bank of India, RACPC HSR Layout is lost/ not traceable. A police complaint is also lodged in this regard vide Lost Report No. 1550118/2025.

Sale Deed dated 18/08/2014, registered as Document No. BSK-1-06077-2014-2015, stored in CD No. BSKD281, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Senior Sub Registrar Basavanagudi (Banashankari), Bengaluru, executed by Mr. S Ravi Kumar in favour of Mrs. M Malathi W/o. K Venugopal, and Mr. Anikethan, S/o. K Venugopal, pertaining to Site No. Flat No.SF-005, situated at Second Floor Measuring 1415Sq.ft. of super Built-up area and 400 Sq.ft. of Undivided Interest, bearing BBMP Khatha No. 625/2/5/4 & 6, Land in Sy.No.5, situated at Subramanyapura, earliar Marasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore, with the car parking bounded on the:

East by : Flat No. SF004, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Site no 5, **South by :** Road.

I hereby call upon any one having any claim on the aforesaid Property to lodge your claim with me within 15 days from today. In case no objections/claim is received, it will be deemed that the said Property is free from encumbrance or any claim from anybody and no claim whatsoever will be entertain thereafter.

Nikshap H N, Advocate
JUSTJURIS, 9C, 2nd Floor, 80feet Road, Opp. to Jnanakshi School, Jnanakshi Layout, RR Nagar, Bangalore - 560 098.
contactjustjuris@gmail.com

LOST

I, **PADMAVATHY .K,** lost the original unregistered WILL dt. 21/02/2005 executed by my father Late R.KRISHNA pertaining to property No. 3, Old No. 10/16, 3rd Cross, Banasawadi Main Road, Ward No. 86, M.S. Nagar, Bangalore, while in transit near Subbayanapalya, Bengaluru-33 on 10/03/2025, if any person finds it, call the nearest Police Station or Call on Mob: 9113034798.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Construction Organization, Ernakulam Jn
TENDER NOTICE No: 04-CE-CN-ERS-2025-OT Date 03.04.2025

Name of work: Proposed construction of new Tunnel No 2, 3 & 4 as Cut & cover tunnels between Parassala and Kulitturai stations.

Tender Value: **Rs. 14970.43 Lakhs**
Bid Security: **Rs. 76,35,200/-**
Completion Period: **24 Months**
Date and time-of tender closing: **30/04/2025.**
Complete details and tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Chief Engineer/Construction Ernakulam Jn

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has entered into an Agreement to Sell to purchase the residential vacant site bearing **No.12,** (Old No.71/E), PID No.48-16-12, which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder from **1) MR. ANIL KUMAR,** Aged about 39 years, Son of Mr. Babulal Jain, **2) MR. CHAMPALAL JAIN,** Aged about 46 years, son of Mr.Veerachand Jain, **3) MR. BHAVESH R. JAIN,** Aged about 43 years, son of Mr. Ramesh Kumar Jain, **4) MR. MUKESH KUMAR JAIN,** Aged about 44 years, son of Mr. Manoharlal Jain, and **5). MR. BHAVESH KUMAR,** Aged about 31 years, son of Mr.Dinesh Kumar, all are residents of Bengaluru. It is represented to our client that, they are the sole and absolute owners of the schedule property. Any person/s who claim any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien charge in relation to the schedule property or has any objections should lodge such claim or objections in writing with the undersigned together with supporting documents **within 10 days** from this date, failing which, it will be presumed that no valid claim or objection and our client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

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All that piece and parcel of Immovable Residential Property being vacant site bearing No.12, (Old No.71/E), PID No.48-16-12, situated at 1st Main Road, Sudhamanagar, Bengaluru – 560 027, measuring East to West 28 feet 6 inches and North to South 53 feet, in all measuring 1515.8 Square feet, presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.145- Hombegowda Nagar, having Present E-PID No.3375969556 and bounded on: East By: Common Passage measuring 53' X 6' running from South To North, West By : Private Property belonging to M. Nanjunada Rao and Mr. Ramakrishna, North By : Property belonging to Akkammal and South By : 1st Main Road.

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A currency exchange bureau worker counts US dollars at Ferdowsi square, Tehran's go-to venue for foreign currency exchange, in downtown Tehran | AP

Iran's currency falls to record low against dollar

TEHRAN

IRAN'S rial traded Saturday at a record low against the US dollar as the country returned to work after a long holiday, costing over 1 million rials for a single greenback as tensions between Tehran and Washington likely will push it even lower.

The exchange rate had plunged to over 1 million rials during the Persian New Year, Nowruz, as currency shops closed and only informal trading took place on the streets, creating additional pressure on the market. But as traders resumed work Saturday, the rate fell even further to 1,043,000 to the dollar, signaling the new low appeared here to stay.

On Ferdowsi Street in Iran's capital, Tehran, the heart of the country's money exchanges, some traders even switched off their electronic signs showing the going rate as uncertainty loomed over how much further the rial could drop. "We turn it off since we are not sure about the successive changes of the rate," said Reza Sharifi, who works at one exchange. Iran's economy has been severely affected by international sanctions, particularly after US President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers in 2018. At the time of the 2015 deal, which saw Iran drastically limit its enrichment and stockpiling of uranium in exchange for lifting of international sanctions, the rial traded at 32,000 to the dollar. After Trump returned to the White House for his second term in January, he restarted his so-called "maximum pressure" campaign targeting Tehran with sanctions. He again went after firms trading Iranian crude oil, including those selling at a discount in China. *AP*

Israeli general condemns West Bank settler riot

RAMALLAH

THE Israeli military's top commander in the occupied West Bank condemned recent violence by Israeli settlers against police and "unacceptable" conduct by soldiers, in a video shared by the army on Friday.

A military statement said Major General Avi Bluth addressed a "series of unusual incidents" while visiting Israeli police officers in the West Bank, near the site of a riot involving settlers earlier this week.

Israeli police said they had arrested 17 suspects over the "violent riot" on Wednesday near the settlement outpost of Givat Habaladim, northeast of the Palestinian city of Ramallah, during which Israeli settlers threw stones at officers and torched a police car.

Bluth "emphasised that these are exceptional incidents that must be addressed with the necessary severity", the military statement said.

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 547

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Microsoft worker protest over Israel contract

A pro-Palestinian protest by Microsoft employees interrupted the company's 50th anniversary celebration Friday, the latest backlash over the tech industry's work to supply AI tech to the Israeli military. The protest began as Microsoft AI CEO Mustafa Suleyman was presenting product updates for the company's AI assistant product, Copilot. *AP*

Referring to the settlers' attack on Israeli forces, Bluth said in the video: "Beyond the fact that this is a red line that has been crossed and will be dealt with seriously, there is no greater act of ingratitude."

Rights groups often accuse the army of protecting Israeli settlers in the West Bank, and the United Nations has said that settler attacks against Palestinians are taking place in a climate of "impunity".

In a recent incident Bluth did not address in the video, the army said that this week "dozens of Israeli civilians... set fire to property" in the Palestinian village of Duma, injuring several people.

The Israeli general mentioned "vandalism and graffiti" by reserve soldiers during a military raid on Wednesday, in the Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem.

While a major offensive since January has focused on refugee camps in the northern West Bank, Dheisheh in the south has seen an uptick in Israeli army raids in recent weeks.

Images shared on social media showed vandalised apartments, where furniture was broken and Israeli nationalist slogans spray painted on walls. Bluth said that "the conduct in Dheisheh by our reserve soldiers is not what we stand for".

Since war began in October 2023 in the Gaza Strip, violence has soared in the West Bank. *AP*

'Hands Off!' protests against Donald Trump, Elon Musk planned across US

WASHINGTON

OPPONENTS of President Donald Trump and billionaire Elon Musk plan to rally across the US on Saturday to protest the administration's actions on government downsizing, the economy, human rights and other issues.

Over 1,200 "Hands Off!" demonstrations have been planned by over 150 groups, including civil rights organizations, labor unions, LBGTQ+ advocates, veterans and elections activists. The protests are planned for many locations in all 50 states.

Protesters are assailing the Trump administration's moves to fire thousands of federal workers, close Social Security Administration field offices, effectively shutter entire agencies, deport immigrants, scale back protections for transgender people and cut federal funding for health programs.

Musk has played a key role in government downsizing as the head of the newly created Department of Government Efficiency. He says he is saving taxpayers billions of dollars.

Asked about the protests, the White House said in a statement that "President Trump's position is clear: he will always protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid for eligible beneficiaries. Meanwhile, the Democrats' stance is giving Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare benefits to illegal aliens, which will bankrupt these programmes and crush American seniors." *AP*

Protesters carry signs and chant slogans against Donald Trump's | AP

Layoffs threaten American mine research, mask lab

NEW YORK: GOVERNMENT staffing cuts have gutted a small US health agency that aims to protect workers — drawing rebukes from firefighters, coal miners, medical equipment manufacturers and a range of others. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, a Cincinnati-based agency that is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is losing about 850 of its approximately 1,000 employees. Among those ousted were its director, Dr. John Howard, who had been in the job through three previous presidential administrations. The layoffs are stalling — and perhaps ending—many programmes, including a firefighter cancer registry and a lab that is key to certifying respirators for many industries. The cuts are "a very pointed attack on workers in this country," said Micah Niemeier-Walsh, vice president of the union local representing NIOSH employees in Cincinnati.

AP

5.5% decline in Brent crude price to $69 a barrel and 4.3% fall in WTI crude to $66 a barrel this year, as per Goldman Sachs forecast

India hopes for 'fair' pact with US

Govt sources say it will protect domestic industry against dumping from countries like China, Vietnam

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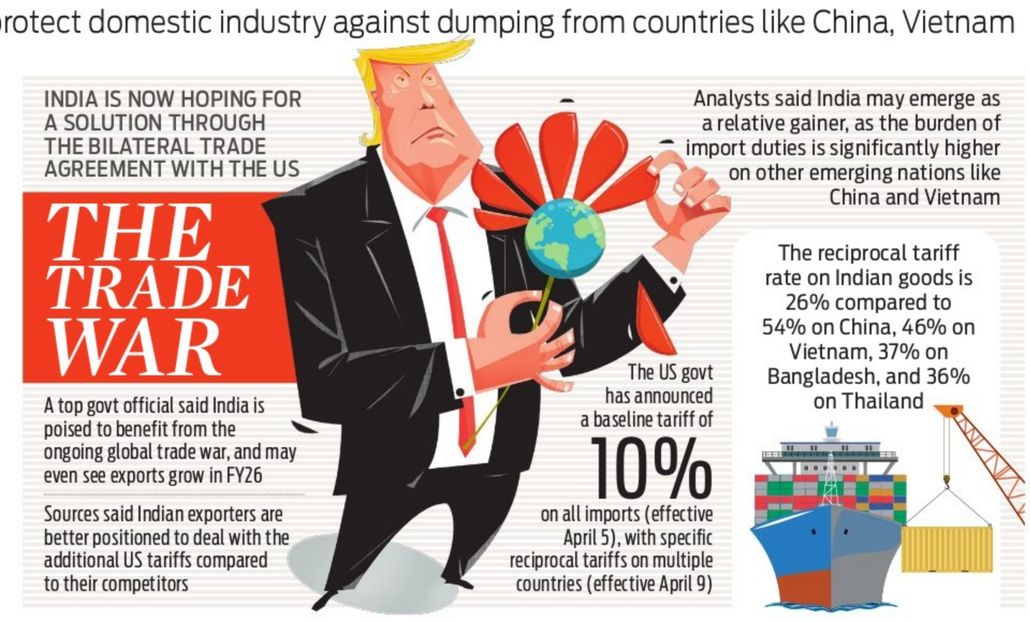

INDIA IS NOW HOPING FOR A SOLUTION THROUGH THE BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE US
THE TRADE WAR
A top govt official said India is poised to benefit from the ongoing global trade war, and may even see exports grow in FY26
Sources said Indian exporters are better positioned to deal with the additional US tariffs compared to their competitors
Analysts said India may emerge as a relative gainer, as the burden of import duties is significantly higher on other emerging nations like China and Vietnam
The reciprocal tariff rate on Indian goods is 26% compared to 54% on China, 46% on Vietnam, 37% on Bangladesh, and 36% on Thailand
The US govt has announced a baseline tariff of 10% on all imports (effective April 5), with specific reciprocal tariffs on multiple countries (effective April 9)

WITH Donald Trump's reciprocal tariff coming into force from Saturday, the Indian government is now hoping for a solution through the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the US. "We are expecting a fair and equitable treatment under the ongoing BTA with the US," government sources have said. A top government official said India is poised to benefit from the ongoing global trade war, and may even see exports grow in FY26.

"India has emerged as a winner in the reciprocal tariffs imposed by the US," sources said, adding that India has the first mover's advantage as it is negotiating a BTA with the US. The sources said Indian exporters are better positioned to deal with the US tariffs as against their competitors, who are facing much higher import duties in the US.

Analysts and trade experts have said India may emerge as a relative gainer, as the burden of import duties is much higher on other emerging nations like China and Vietnam. The reciprocal tariff on Indian goods is 26% as against 54% (20% previously imposed + 34% announced on Wednesday) on China, 46% on Vietnam, 37% on Bangladesh, and 36% on Thailand. The US government has announced a baseline tariff of 10% on imports (effective April 5), with reciprocal tariffs (from April 9).

Some sectors, including pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, copper, and energy products, will remain exempt from these tariffs. The government sources said it is ready to protect domestic industry from possibility of dumping from countries like China and Vietnam.

It is feared that with the US imposing a 54% tariff on Chinese imports, India could become a dumping ground for surplus Chinese goods. India has a trade deficit of $100 billion with China, which exported $440 billion worth of goods to the US in 2024 and had a trade surplus of $295 billion. India has been proactive in levying anti-dumping duties on various Chinese goods, yet the country has managed to dump products below the production costs of Indian manufacturers.

In 2024, India's Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) registered 43 anti-dumping cases against China. With the rise in US tariffs, Chinese manufacturers may now escalate dumping in emerging economies, including India.

Meanwhile, government sources have said India is in touch with other major trading nations to discuss the emerging situation. India is having free trade talks with seven countries. Government officials have said that sectors like Shrimp which have been hit hard by the new tariffs should explore new markets.

NEWSCOPE

WAQF BILL: PRINCIPLES OR PROPERTY PLAY?

GURBIR SINGH

IGNORING criticism, the BJP-led government has worked it through the grinder, and passed the Waqf Amendment Bill in both houses of Parliament. The Muslim community, already on the backfoot, considers it another body blow to its quickly diminishing minority rights.

The history of this piece of legislation reflects how far it has divided the nation. It was first introduced in August last, but because of persistent demands by the Opposition, it was sent for consideration to a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). The JPC submitted its report on February 13, 2025, and received a fast track Union Cabinet's approval six days later.

Opposition MPs on the panel have said their proposed amendments were given short shrift, and even their dissenting notes had been redacted from the report. After a long debate in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, running into the wee hours, the bill has been passed. The fact the voting was 288-232 in the lower house, and 128-95 in the Upper House, shows it was close and the BJP had to lean on allies to see it through.

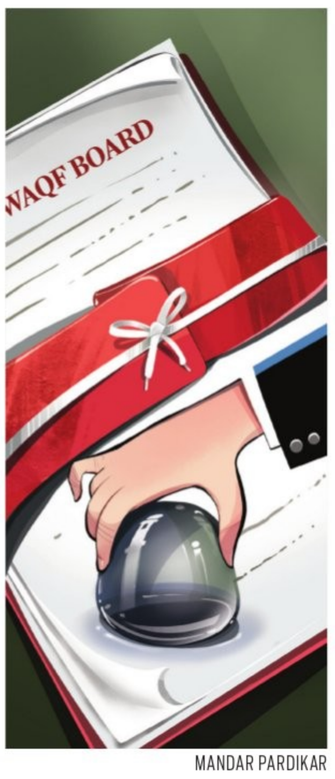
GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Waqf refers to personal property, both moveable or immovable, that has been donated through the ages for religious or charitable purposes; and once a property is declared to be 'waqf', it is transferred to God or Allah and can't be alienated or sold.

These properties may have been bestowed to God; but in the temporal world they are of humungous value and controversy. In India, waqf properties are spread across nearly a million acres, or 4,046 square kilometers, nearly twice the size of Mauritius, and are conservatively valued at ₹1.12 lakh crore. They are administered by 32 government-established waqf boards covering the states and union territories, and headed by the Central Wakf Council (CWC) that advises the Union government. The current amendment assails the Waqf Act of 1995, an evolution from Central Waqf Act of 1954. The 1995 Act was amended in 2013, to strengthen protection of waqf properties, but the BJP government says this is not enough.

A April 3 press release from the Ministry of Minority Affairs lists 10 ills the amended act seeks to rectify. These include lack of transparency in Waqf property management, incomplete surveys and mutation of land records, insufficient scope for women's inheritance rights, and provisions that create prolonged litigation and encourage encroachment.

The 'note' attacks the 'irrational power' of the Waqf Boards in declaring any property as waqf land based on their own inquiry. It even lists various cases. For example, a farmer in Thiruchenthurai village was unable to sell his land due to the Waqf Board's claim over the entire village. This unexpected requirement prevented him from selling his land to repay a loan taken for his daughter's wedding. While seeking more accountability and stemming corruption are indeed laudatory causes, the more than 40 amendments look like foils for the government seeking greater control over Muslim community properties.



MANDAR PARDIKAR

Despite opposition in the JPC, the bill has retained the provision for allowing up to two non-Muslims to be appointed on the boards of key waqf institutions, including the Central Waqf Council, state Waqf Boards, and waqf tribunals. The requirement that a waqf board's chief executive officer must be a Muslim has also been removed.

These have to be read along with another amendment that ends the earlier finality of the waqf tribunals, and now allows their decisions to be challenged in a high court. The requirement that there be a seat for an expert on Muslim law on the tribunal has also been removed. These changes undermine the autonomy of the waqf boards, and give more powers to government officers and agencies over lakhs of waqf properties, including graveyards and mosques.

MORE DISPUTES COMING

This will not reduce disputes and litigation. In fact, it will provide grist to the mill of pseudo historical claims of right wing hindutva extremists. These groups, with state patronage, are currently on a spree of discovering and claiming buried, ancient temples under the structure of existing mosques. Various other provisions add to the creeping government control over the community's affairs. The amendments introduce the District Collector, or an officer of equivalent or higher rank, as an arbiter to decide whether a property is waqf or government land. No prizes for guessing which way he will decide.

There is no doubt the Waqf Act and the waqf administration needs a through overhaul. There is corruption and mismanagement; and women are denied representation. In fact the Justice Sachar Commission, which submitted its report on the socio-economic conditions of the Muslim community in India in 2005, had urged an overhaul of waqf boards and the monitoring of waqf properties to generate higher returns for the Muslim community.

However, it is difficult to believe that the Waqf Amendment Bill is to bring in progressive reform. Religious and property trusts of all communities are plagued by corruption and bad management. Have the Hindu temple trusts generating billions, who are accountable to no one, or the Parsi Panchayats and the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabhandak Committee (SGPC), been brought under a similar scanner? What is at stake is the sanctity of the Constitution. Its authors wrote out special provisions for religious minorities aimed at preserving their identity and culture; and under Article 26, the minorities have the right to form and run religious and charitable institutions. The state is therefore duty bound not to interfere in areas of marriage, divorce, inheritance and family relations.

However, the BJP-ruled government sees things otherwise. It says Muslim personal laws, based on Sharia (Islamic law), are a violation of Article 14, which calls for equality before law. It is in this context that we have to see each of these milestones - the Wakf Bill, and now the coming legislation for a uniform civil code (UCC).

Delhivery to buy Ecom Exp for ₹1,400 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

LOGISTICS services provider Delhivery Ltd on Saturday announced acquisition of Ecom Express Ltd for a cash consideration of about ₹1,400 crore.

The Gurugram-based company's board approved the "acquisition of shares equivalent to at least 99.4% of the issued and paid up share capital, on a fully diluted basis, of Ecom Express Ltd for a purchase consideration not exceeding ₹1,407 crore." The board has approved the execution of share purchase agreement amongst the company, Ecom Express, and their shareholders and execution of other necessary documents. The deal is expected to be completed within the next six months. The turnover of Gurugram-based Ecom Express stood at ₹2,607.3 crore in 2023-24 fiscal year as against ₹2,548.1 crore in the preceding year.

"The Indian economy requires continuous improvements in cost efficiency, speed and reach of logistics. We believe this acquisition will enable us to service customers of both companies better, through continued bold investments in infrastructure, technology, network and people," said Sahil Barua, MD and CEO of Delhivery.

With its nationwide network covering over 18,700 pin codes, the company provides a wide range of logistics services like parcel transportation, PTL freight, TL freight, cross-border, supply chain, and technology services.

JLR halts shipments to US as tariff on imported cars raised

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

FOLLOWING the US government's decision to introduce a 25% tariff on imported cars, which came into effect on Thursday, Tata Motors' British luxury car company, Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), is temporarily halting shipments of its British-made vehicles to the United States.

JLR said it needed time to work to address the new trading terms of Donald Trump's tariffs. "The USA is an important market for JLR's luxury brands. As we work to address the new trading terms with our business partners, we are taking some short-term actions including a shipment pause in April, as we develop our mid to longer-term plans," a JLR spokesperson was quoted saying. JLR is reported to have a couple of months' supply of cars already in America that have not been subject to the new tariffs. It takes 21 days to ship

vehicles across the Atlantic.

The move by the Tata Group-owned company comes as major firms and economies are assessing the impact of Trump's freshly announced tariffs. JLR on April 2 had said that their luxury brands have global appeal and their business is resilient, accustomed to changing market conditions. "Our priorities are now delivering for our clients around the world and addressing these new US trading terms," it had said.

Trump on Wednesday declared a universal 10% baseline tariff on US imports, calling it "Liberation Day," with reciprocal tariffs starting at that rate. While most countries would face the baseline levy, 60 nations - including India —would be subject to higher duties, some as steep as 50%. India's exports to the US will now attract a 26% tariff, which Trump described as a "discounted" rate compared to India's 52% average tariff on US goods.

Automobiles, however, remain outside the scope of the latest levy, though they will be subject to the previously announced 25% tariff. The 25% tariff announced in March for automobiles is expected to have an impact on Tata Motors' Jaguar Land Rover (exported from the UK), which derives 33% of its sales from North America. "The 25% tariff could force price hikes or cost-cutting measures to maintain margins.

Ather Energy to treble e-scooter capacity to 1.42 mn units per yr

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

ATHER ENERGY, IPO-bound electric scooter maker with 11% market share in the EV space in FY25, is on an expansion spree. The company will more than treble its capacity to 1.42 million units per annum.

The first phase of the ₹1,123 crore expansion will see the company setting up a 0.5 million plant in Auric City, Aurangabad, by the first half of 2026. The Hosur-based company co-founded by IIT-Madras alumni Tarun Mehta (CFO) and Swapnil Jain (chief technology officer) in 2013 (as a technology firm for the electric mobility space) currently has an installed capacity of 0.42 million scooters per annum, along with a 0.38 million units battery packing facility.

They launched the first scooter Ather 450 later in 2018 and sells just two models — Ather 450 (and variants), 450 Apex and Rizta. The present facility is on a rented premises and the upcoming Auric City facility in Maharashtra will be spread over 100 acres, which it has already acquired for ₹95.5 crore and the ground-breaking for the first phase will take place in June.

"We will be investing about ₹927 crore from the proposed IPO proceeds in the new facility, which will have an installed capacity to roll out 0.5 million units by FY27. The new plant will be home for our new scooter platforms and our upcoming bikes. We hope to do the ground-breaking in June and the plant should be up and running by the first half of 2026," Mehta and Jain told TNIE.

Mehta said this marks a fundamental shift from their thus-far held policy of following an asset light model. "We've enough land for a second phase in the Auric city, with a capacity of another 0.5 million," said Jain, who oversees the system design of the vehicles and related technical development.

Tata Capital files paper for ₹15k cr IPO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TATA CAPITAL has filed draft papers with markets regulator Sebi for a ₹15,000 crore initial public offering (IPO) through a confidential pre-filing route.

In a stock exchange filing, Tata Capital said, "The company has filed the Pre-filed Draft Red Herring Prospectus dated April 4, 2025, under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, with Sebi, BSE, and NSE in connection with its Initial Public Offering of equity shares of face value of ₹10 each." The IPO will consist of a fresh issue of equity shares, along with an offer for sale (OFS) by certain shareholders.

According to a disclosure made to stock exchanges last month, the proposed IPO will include 2.3 crore equity shares through a fresh issue and OFS by existing shareholders.

Tata Capital, identified by the Reserve Bank as an upper-layer non-banking finance company (NBFC), has already secured board's approval to proceed with the initial share sale. Tata Sons, the holding company of Tata Capital, owns a 92.83% stake in the company.

SER sees highest-ever freight loading performance in FY25

Kolkata: South Eastern Railway has set new records and surpassed its previous achievements during the financial year 2024-25. SER has completed the financial year 2024-25 with a record freight loading of 212.37 million tonne. This is the highest ever freight loading performance of South Eastern Railway. In comparison to the previous year, SER has registered a growth of 0.36% in originating freight loading. Chakradharpur Division and Adra Division have also excelled in freight transportation and achieved the bst ever loading performance. Chakradharpur Division has loaded 154.04 Million Tonnes which is 3.25% more than the last financial year.

Chennai Port and Kamarajar Port handle record cargo throughput in year 2024-25

Chennai Port and Kamarajar Port have achieved a historic milestone with a combined cargo throughput exceeding 100 million tonnes (MT) for the first time, reaching a total of 103.37 MMT. Chennai Port handled 54.96 MT, and Kamarajar Port contributed 48.41 MT. This represents a combined year-over-year (YoY) increase of 6.7%. Chennai Port recorded a 6.5% YoY increase, and Kamarajar Port demonstrated a 6.9% YoY increase. Both Chennai Port and Kamarajar Port achieved record operating incomes, with each port crossing the ₹1,000 crore mark. Chennai Port's income from operations reached ₹1,088.22 crore, while Kamarajar Port's income from operations was ₹1130.60 crore.

Business & Beyond

BoB goes live with PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme to provide financial support to students

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda (BoB), one of India's leading public sector banks, has announced that it has gone live with new Pradhan Mantri Vidyalaxmi (PM-Vidyalaxmi) Scheme to provide financial support to meritorious students. The PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme is an initiative by the Government of India for students seeking assistance to pursue higher education and to ensure that financial constraints do not deprive the youth of India from pursuing quality higher education. Applicants can digitally apply for an education loan under the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme from BoB via the PM-Vidyalaxmi portal. The bank has 12 dedicated Education Loan Sanctioning Cells (ELSC) and 119 retail assets processing cells (RAPC), in addition to over 8,300 branches, to cater to the needs of students from across the country. The scheme is a special loan product that enables collateral-free, guarantor-free education loans, made accessible via an entirely digital application process.

H Shankar assumes charge as MD, Chennai Petroleum Corporation

H Shankar assumed charge as the managing director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation (CPCL) on April 2, 2025. A mechanical engineer with an MBA, he has been instrumental in strengthening CPCL's position in energy sector. He was inducted into the Board of CPCL as director (technical) in October 2020 and was holding additional charge as MD since July 16, 2024. With over 3 decades of experience in oil and gas sector, he has played a key role in CPCL's growth, blending technical expertise with strategic vision. Under his leadership, CPCL has achieved strong physical and financial performance with sustained profitability.

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

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Sd/- Director,
Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences, Gadag

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ಸಂಘವು ಸಾಗರಪೇಟೆ ಶಾಖೆಯ ನಿವೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಹಿತ ಗೋದಾಮು ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಕಲ್ ಕೆಲಸ, ಪ್ಲಮ್ಬಿಂಗ್ ಕೆಲಸ ಮತ್ತು ಪೈಂಟಿಂಗ್ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಲೇಬರ್ ಕಾಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟ್ ನಂತೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೀಡಲು ಲೇಬರ್ ಕೊಟೇಶನ್ ನೀಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆಸಕ್ತ ಬಿಡ್ದುದಾರರು ತಮ್ಮ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು 21/04/2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 6.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ನಿಗದಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಮುಚ್ಚಿದ ಲಕೋಟೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂಘದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಚೇರಿ ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ. ತಡವಾಗಿ ಬಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ನಿಯಮಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗೆ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ **https://www.tumcos.com** ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂಘದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಚೇರಿ ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ. **ಸಹಿ/- ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ತುಮ್‌ಕೋಸ್ ಲಿ., ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ.**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-04/17/2025-26 **Date: 05.04.2025**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Civil Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Work : Supply, laying, jointing, testing and commissioning of 610mm dia MS Gravity Main for 1800m Length alternate to the existing 600mm Dia PSC Pipe at Kodithimmanahalli Junction for Koratagere Town & Madhugiri at Tumakuru district. (2nd Call).

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **21.04.2025** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/101/Zen/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **1) MRS. SAUDAMINI. B. H,** W/o. Late. Ramegowda. B. H, R/at No.2173, Geetha Villa, 13th Cross, 7th Block, Arkavathi Layout, Jakkur, Bangalore - 560064, **2) MRS. SUMANA KISHORE,** D/o Late. Ramegowda. B. H, R/at No.A/104, Yash Avenue Apartments, Plot 51C Sector 20, Kharghar Navi Mumbai, Kharghar, Panvel Raigarh, Maharashtra -410210. Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within 15 days from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential house built on Property bearing BDA Site No.2173, BDA Khatha No.5228070508, formed in Sy.No.43 of Jakkur Village, Situated at 7th Block, Arkavathi Layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West 12.00 Meters and North to South 9.00 Meters, totally measuring 108.00 Square Meters, Consisting of Duplex RCC roofed residential house measuring 14 Squares having vitrified flooring with all civic amenities and bounded on as follows:

East by : Site Nos.2229 and 2230,
West by : Road,
North by : Site No.2172,
South by : Site No.2174.

Sd/- **K.R.Bharadwaj & Associates,**
Advocates,
No.30, 1st Floor, Above Medplus, Sukh Sagar Cross Road, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main K.K. Halli, Bangalore -560084. Ph. 9844011141
E-mail: krblawassociates@gmail.com

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer-3 (Health and Sanitation), Dasappa Hospital Premises, N.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE-3/H&S/TEND/01/2024-25/CALL-3 **Date: 05-04-2025**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (CALL-3)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-3, Health and Sanitation, BBMP, Bengaluru invites Proposals (Technical and Financial) for Appointing Contractor for the work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Upgradation of Animal Birth Control (ABC) Center Located at Rajarajeshwarinagara, Dasarahalli and East Zones. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 101.73, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,53,000/-**

Calendar of Events: **1)** RFP Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 07-04-2025 at 16.00 Hours onwards. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries on **09-04-2025 upto 15.00 Hours. 3)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting on **09-04-2025 at 15.30 Hours in the Office of the Executive Engineer-3 (H&S). 4)** Last Date for Receipt of Tenders is **21-04-2025 upto 16.00 Hours. 5)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals is **22-04-2025 at 16.30 Hours. 6)** Date of Opening of Financial Bids: **Will be intimated to Technically Qualified Bidders.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-3, Health & Sanitation, BBMP.

Government of Karnataka

Ayanur Sub Forest Division, Shivamogga

No.: ACF/Tender-CAMPA/CR-2/2025-26 Date: 03.04.2025

Short-Term e-Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Short-Term Call-1 Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 from interested contractors registered in PWD for the year 2025-26 and having experience of having carried out similar works as put to for construction of Twin Quarters for Lead Staff in Thirthahalli and Shankara Zones of Shivamogga Regional Forest Division under CAMPA Head of Account for the year 2025-26. Last date for submitting tenders for the said works is fixed on 19.04.2025 up to 4.00 PM. For further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details of the Tender can be obtained through the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/12/04/14

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ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮೆಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ-561 203
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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DPA/TP/CLU/02/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:05.04.2025

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರಕಲಂ 14(ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು	ಹೋಬಳಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ	ಸ.ನಂ	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ-ಗು)	ಬಿಐಎಎಪಿಎ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ	ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ
1.	ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಸಂಪಂಗಿ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್॥ ಮುನಿಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ	ಯಲಹಂಕ	ಹೆಸರ ಘಟ್ಟ-2	ಅದ್ದೆ ವಿಶ್ವನಾಥಪುರ	154/4	2-00	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ

ಷರಾ: ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಪ್ರಸ್ತಿತ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಸ್ವಯಂ ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಪ್ರಸ್ತಿತ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಯೋಜಿತ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ವಸತಿ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಾವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶ ಅಡಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ, ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.

MAHATRANSCO

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/05 - 2025-26

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM Two Bid system from the registered vendors for Supply of following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. in Lakhs) / Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/P&C/T-01-0425 RFx 6000001317 (4th Call) Work of replacement of existing 0.2 ACSR conductor along with hardwares by High Performance Conductor (HPC) of 132kV Akole-Kombhalne line (Length= 22.5ckm) for RE power evacuation under Green Energy Corridor (GEC) under Nashik Zone.	1688.89 / 25000.00	16.04.2025 17:00 / 16.04.2025 17:30

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr-P&C) Tel.No.022-69852720/022-69852717 Cell.No. 09619469933
Email: 1) C.E. (CPA) 2) E.E. (Group-P&C), CPA, C.O. MSETCL, 1st Floor, Prakashgad Building, Bandra (E), Mumbai Email id: cecpa@mahatransco.in, eepc@mahatransco.in,
For further details visit our website http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in. So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (P&C)

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - South Division, Bengaluru. E-mail: eerisouth@gmail.com

No: EE(RI-South)/TEND/01/2025-26 **Date: 05-04-2025**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (SHORT TERM)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - South Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below. **(Standard Tender Document and KTPP Act shall be followed).**

Sl. No.	Name of the Works
1	Annual Maintenance of Arterial and Sub-Arterial Roads including footpath in BTM Layout, Jaynagar and Padmanabhnagar constituency area of RI South Division. Amount Put to tender: **Rs.84.45 Lakhs. EMD: Rs.1,68,900/-.** Period of Completion: **12 months including Monsoon.**
2	Annual Maintenance of Arterial and Sub-Arterial Roads including footpath in Vijaynagar, Chickpete and Basavanagudi constituency area of RI South Division. Amount Put to tender: **Rs.84.45 Lakhs. EMD: Rs.1,68,900/-.** Period of Completion: **12 months including Monsoon.**

Calendar of Events: **1)** The Tender Documents may be Downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 07-04-2025. 2)** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal on or before **16.00 hours on 17-04-2025** and the Opening of Tenders will be as per the KPP Portal Guidelines. **3)** Last Date & Time for receipt of queries: **11-04-2025 upto 13.00 hours. 4)** Pre Bid Meeting: **11-04-2025, 16.00 hours. 5)** Last Date &Time for receipt of tenders : **17-04-2025, 16.00 hours. 6)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid is **19-04-2025 at 11.00 hours. 7)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **(will be intimated after obtaining approval for Technical Evaluation).** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RI - South Division, BBMP.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1,
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No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/42/2024-25 **Date: 05.04.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM III

(See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)

In exercise of powers conferred under section **14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act,1961** the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for **"Widening of K. Channasandra Main Road from Channasandra Circle to Road Rampura Cross (Bhairathi-Avalahalli Road)"** for implementing the proposals of the Approved Master Plan-2015 for the width of 24.00mtrs.

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of land / building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District : **Bangalore Urban** Name of the Taluk : **Bangalore East** Name of the Village : **K. Channasandra**

Sl. No.	Sy. No/ Khatha No.	Type of land		Nature of Land			Dimension of the land / plot & Extent in Sq.m.		Boundaries of the land / plot				Building Details			Present activity on land/ Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office. factory apartment, individual house etc.	Market (guidelines) value of the land per Sq.m.	Name and address of the owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued
		Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted undeveloped	Approved Layout/ developed Land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	East	West	North	South	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of floors	Floor area Ratio			
1	Sy No.64/5	Vacant Land					100.17		Gramatana	Sy No.64/17	Sy No.64/3 and Road	Sy No.64/6	None	None	None	Vacant	85,000/- per Sqm.	Sri. Govnidappa S/o. Late Srinvasappa Residing at No.91, K. Channasandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No. : ನಅಇ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಯು 2024 (ಇ), ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No: ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಪಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಜಿ/1802/2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024.

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional/branch office	Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisition & TDR, 2nd Floor, Room No: 208, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bangalore-560002.

Sd/-
Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE - P & SC No. 170 of 2025 (CCH-12)

BETWEEN: 1. MR. AJAY NAGARKATTE, son of late Nagarkatte Sitaramarao, residing at No. 224, N. Elm Street, Shridharamurthy, age 58 years, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521, United State of America.
2. MRS. ANURADHA NAGARKATTE BROCKS, wife of Joachim Brocks and daughter of late Nagarkatte Sitaramarao Shridharamurthy, aged about 61 years, residing at No. 2708, 2nd Cross, HAL 3rd stage, Bengaluru - 560 075. **.....PETITIONERS**
AND: NIL **.....RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above-named Petitioners have instituted the above Petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, seeking for grant of Succession Certificate in their favour, in respect of the Schedule A to C Properties of their late parents Sri Nagarkatte Sitaramarao Shridharamurthy who passed away on 27.10.2010 and Smt. Nirmala Shridharamurthy Nagarkatte who passed away on 30.05.2022. Any person having objections for issuance of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners in respect of the Schedule A to C Properties may appear in person or through their advocate **on 28.04.2025 at 11 A.M** before Hon'ble XVI Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore (CCH No. 12) failing which, the matter will be heard and disposed of in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

(Shares held by Mr. Nagarkatte Sitaramarao Shridharamurthy)
Demat Account: IL & FS Securities Services Limited

Name of the Company	No. of shares	ISIN No.
JSW Steel Limited	8,660	INFO19A01038
Reliance Home Finance Limited	18	INE217K01011
Reliance Home Industries Limited	744	INE002A01018
Reliance Power Limited	93	INE614G01033

DP ID No. IN300095 Client ID No. 11216267

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

(Assets in the name Mrs. Nirmala Shridharamurthy Nagarkatte)

ITEM No.1 : Demat Account: IL & FS Securities Services Limited
DP ID NO.IN300095 CLIENT ID 11276119

Name of the Company	No. of shares	DP ID NO.
Chowgule Steamships Limited	42	N300095
JSW Steel	4180	IN300095
Tanfac Industries	200	IN300095

DP ID/CLID: IN30036010670054

Name of the Company	No. of shares	DP ID NO.
Triton Valves Limited	1,12,506	IN3000360

Non - Demat Accounts:

Name of the Company	No. of shares	Folio Number
Reliance Industries Limited	1000	029262748
Lord Chrolo Alkali Limited	81	29344
Reliance Industries Limited	252	104055331

Sl No	Account Number	Bank	Amount
1.	00000030544672233	State Bank of India, Indira Nagar	Rs.2,00,000/-
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3.	00000030981618585	State Bank of India, Indira Nagar	Rs. 6,00,000/-
4.	00000030637301808	State Bank of India, Indira Nagar	Rs. 8,00,000/-
5.	00000010447412876	State Bank of India, Indira Nagar	Rs.20,81,722.79/-

ITEM No.3 : Saving Bank Accounts in Standard Chartered Bank, MG Road Branch

Sl No	Account Number	Bank	Amount
1.	00000045610002105	Standard Chartered Bank, MG Road	Rs. 35,28, 942/-
2.	00000045610002105	Standard Chartered Bank, MG Road	Rs. 25,06,726.40/-
3.	00000045660005086	Standard Chartered Bank, MG Road	Rs. 40,05,412.55/-
4.	00000045610723341	Standard Chartered Bank, MG Road	Rs. 57,152.57

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY

(Assets jointly held by Sri Nagarkatte Sitaramarao Shridharamurthy and Smt. Nirmala Shridharamurthy Nagarkatte)

UTI Mutual Funds:

Sl No	Name of the Fund	No. of Units	Folio Number	ISIN Number
1.	Bluechip Flexicap Fund	854.588	503202350956	INF789F1076
2.	Flexicap Fund	907.053	503202350956	INF189A01053
3.	India Consumer Fund	8,430.300	5032023500573	INF789F1076
4.	India Consumer Fund	1,748.014	503203050573	INF789F01CF3
5.	Infrastructure Fund	449. 479	503209467227	INF789F01CF3
6.	Infrastructure Fund	3,595.967	503209467247	INF789F01737
7.	Infrastructure Fund	512.678	503209467247	INF789F01737
8.	Infrastructure Fund	64.082	503209467227	INF78F01737
9.	India Consumer Fund	1,998.900	503202417303	INF789F01CF3
10.	Infrastructure Fund	747.00	503202417316	INF789F01CF3
11.	Infrastructure Fund	4,048.400	503202524347	INF789F01CF3
12.	Infrastructure Fund	4,489,069	503209466184	INF789F01CF3
13.	Infrastructure Fund	4172.04	51441400096	INF789F01CF3
14.	Consumer Fund	1928.200	503202417295	INF789F01CF3

Non - Demat Account Shares:

Name of the Company	No. of shares	Folio Number
Reliance Industries Limited	46	088569873

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar City Civil Court, Bangalore

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, on 02-04-2025

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(For Immovable Property)

Where as The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Federal Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the said Act read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Rules) issued a demand notice dated **19-10-2024** calling upon the borrowers **(1) Shri/Smt. Nikhil Das S,** S/o Sivadasan R/at No.5103, Prestige Wellington Park, IAF MN RD Jalahalli Gangamma Circle, Bangalore, Karnataka-560013 and also at Kilbirnie No. 8074, Prestige Wellington Park, IAF MN RD Jalahalli Gangamma Circle, Bangalore, Karnataka-560013, **(2) Shri/Smt. Sarika Sasi,** W/o Nikhil Das S, R/at Kilbirnie No. 8074, Prestige Wellington Park, IAF MN RD Jalahalli Gangamma Circle, Bangalore, Karnataka-560013 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **₹53,52,946.50 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Six, paise Fifty only)** under Federal Housing loan (OD- Home Extra Gain) with number 15825600000726 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **05th April the year 2025.**

The borrower/s' attention is invited to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets (security properties).

The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Federal Bank Ltd. for an amount of **₹.56,16,436.50** (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Six and Paise Fifty Only) as on **28/03/2025** under Federal Housing loan (OD-Home Extra Gain) with number 15825600000726 and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing No. 5103, situated on Level-10 of Block 5 "Fairlie" in 'Prestige Wellington Park', measuring 1881 Sq. feet of super built up area, inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with right to use One Covered Car parking space bearing No. 136 in the basement Level and the apartment is presently identified with Municipal No. 1/195, PID No. 1-84-1/195, IAF Main Road, Jalahalli, Municipal Ward No. 1 of HMT, Bangalore, along with 787 Sq. Feet Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land measuring about 7 Acres and 39.517 Guntas or 32.325.90 Sq. Mtrs i.e., 5 Acres 0.547 Guntas forming portion of earlier Sy. No. 1, Peenya Plantation and Sy. Nos. 18 & 19 of Jarakabande Kaval Village, and measuring 2 Acres 38.97 Guntas, forming portion of earlier Sy. Nos. 21 & 22 of Jarakabande Kaval Village, Bangalore North Taluk, presently forming portion of Municipal No. 1, IAF Main Road, Jalahalli Ward No. 1, Bangalore North Taluk, (formerly bearing Municipal Nos. 1 and 2 IAF Main Road, Jalahalli Ward No. 1, Bangalore in the records of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike. Apartment bounded on the: East by: Apartment No. 5104 in Level-10 of Block 5 "Fairlie" in 'Prestige Wellington Park', West by: Open space towards open space in Block 5 "Fairlie" in 'Prestige Wellington Park', North by: Open space towards open space in Block 5 "Fairlie" in 'Prestige Wellington Park', South by: Entrance and lobby in Level 10 of Block 5 "Fairlie" in 'Prestige Wellington Park'. Land bounded on the: East by: Remaining Portion of property Municipal No. 2, IAF Main Road, retained by Sellers and Jalahalli Main Road, West by: Property of HMT Ltd, North by: IAF Main Road and, South by: Property of HMT Ltd.

Date : 05.04.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The Federal Bank Ltd**

Muller to leave Bayern after 25 years at club

Thomas Muller will end his 'incredible journey' with Bayern Munich this summer after 25 years at his boyhood club. The 35-year-old midfielder, whose contract is set to expire after the season, made the announcement Saturday in a joint statement with Bayern. Muller has helped Bayern win a record 12 Bundesliga titles and two Champions League crowns, 33 trophies in total, the team said.

After below-par last year at Lucknow, senior pro, who was signed by Delhi Capitals for ₹14 crore, shows signs of a promising new chapter with match-winning knock against CSK

RAHUL'S CAPITAL TOUCH

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

AHEAD of the auctions earlier this year, KL Rahul spoke with rare candour. In an interview aired on Star Sports after he was released by Lucknow Super Giants, he had stressed on words like 'freedom' and wanting to play in a 'balanced environment'. While he didn't say those traits were lacking at his former franchise, it was clear he thought he needed a change of scenery. "I just want to be part of a team that has a good environment," he had said. "You feel loved, cared for and respected in that environment... that's a perfect fit."

While Rahul and Sanjiv Goenka, chair of the RPSG Group, owners of the Lucknow side, have not spoken about their very animated public discussion following a match at last year's IPL, the situation had felt untenable from that point.

Sunday Special

As soon as Delhi bagged the 32-year-old at the auction, there was a multi-layered charm offensive to welcome their new signing. Parth Jindal, one of the team's owners, welcomed him. Others too made him feel at 'home'. When the opener reported to the franchise post the Champions Trophy, there was a special video package with the message 'You are loved. You are ours. You are home'.

His response to that was 'I'm home'. At some level, you can argue that Rahul, bought for Rs 14 crore, wasn't needed. They had two overseas first-choice batters (Jake Fraser-McGurk and Faf du Plessis), a first-choice overseas middle-order batter (Tristan Stubbs) and an Indian keeper (Abishek Porel). What Rahul gives, though, is a guarantee of a minimum number of runs per season, can keep wickets, can be trusted with his fitness (even if he has picked a few injuries on the way). He can also keep wickets, be flexible with his batting position and is a good player of spin. Having been part of the leadership group at multiple teams, he does have that experience too. Yes, he was expensive but he ticked a lot of boxes. A signing meant to lift the team's ceiling as well as the floor by a couple of inches.

Delhi Capitals' KL Rahul played a match-winning knock on Saturday | ASHWIN PRASATH

After a delayed start for Delhi (he was on paternity leave), his match-winning innings on a typical early Summer afternoon at Chepauk — 'feels like temperature' at 39*c and humidity above 70 — has set him up well for the first phase of the tournament. It was an innings filled with malleability, endurance and taking calculated risks to eke out an above-par score on a red-soil surface.

At some level, it's easy to visualise a lot of big Rahul scores in this format. More fours than sixes, a healthy enough strike rate but leaving the door open for some criticism, some singles, employing the sweep shot and pulls off the pacers. He showed facets of all the above-mentioned traits during his 51-ball 77 (6x4, 3x6). It almost spanned the entire length of the Delhi innings (he was dismissed with four legitimate balls remaining in the visitors' innings). What he did ultra successfully was play the sweep off Noor Ahmad, one of the hosts' better bowlers during the early stages this year.

Off Ahmad's eighth ball, Rahul went down on one knee before dumping the Afghanistan left-arm wrist spinner over deep mid-wicket. It brought back memories of slog sweeps played by Sachin Tendulkar from a different era. A few overs later, he unfurled the more traditional sweep off the same bowler for a boundary. A straight six off Ravindra Jadeja was sandwiched between these two sweep shots. His knock was critical as it not only allowed the visitors, who have now won three in as many games to start the campaign, to post 183 but it also stopped the hosts from bowling Ahmad, the owner of the Purple Cap. What made the innings even more remarkable was it came up top, a position Rahul wasn't originally slated to do at 10.45 AM on Saturday. After Du Plessis pulled up with a fitness-related problem in the morning, coach Hemang Badani had a conversation with the Bengaluru man. Rahul, as has always been the case, said 'yes'.

"I'm quite used to it," he said in the post-match presentation. "I was happy that I got the opportunity today (Saturday) at the top of the order. It's more mental, and the pattern and process of getting in. Just getting used to walking in at a particular stage. I like to get used to doing the same thing. Since I have been going up and going down the order, it takes me a few minutes to get used to it. That's something I have been working on — to not take two or three balls. I started off really well."

After a below-par last year at Lucknow — both on and off the field — this is just the beginning the opener (or No. 3 or No. 4, depending upon injuries and game situations) needed.

CSK stumble at home yet again

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

JUST before the match began, focus was not on who is coming out to bat first or who would bowl first. The buzz centred around a few individuals who had come to watch the game: Chennai Super Kings versus Delhi Capitals. The sight was a rarity too. One MS Dhoni, who has been considered the greatest crowd puller in Chepauk, has his parents, wife and children in attendance. Such rare was the sight of his parents that speculations started to spiral into retirement, especially in the social media. However, the CSK management doused whatever fire started to spread. There would be no announcement of Dhoni's retirement.

On the ground though things were not favouring CSK much as KL Rahul's fluent 77 and a commendable performance from their bowlers led by Vipraj Nigam (2/27) helped visitors beat CSK by 25 runs. This was hosts' third defeat in a row.

Chasing 184 for a win may not be an easy task, but certainly achievable, if one played to the merit of the ball and were judicious in shot selection. But CSK top-order seemed to have forgotten the art of chasing targets. Delhi new-ball pair of Mitchell Starc and Mukesh Kumar extracted good bounce from the surface to trouble the CSK batters. First Rachin Ravindra was deceived by the bounce to be caught and bowled by Mukesh, later Ruturaj pulled a short ball from Starc into the hands of Jake Fraser McGurk at fine leg. Then Conway and Dube, who have the ability to strike the ball fluently fell to the guile of Vipraj. This was a very big blow for the hosts.

With half the team back and just 74 on the board, Vijay Shankar and MS Dhoni delayed the inevitable. "Since the last few games it's not going our way. We are trying to improve, trying our best but not going our way. Definitely lost too many wickets," said Ruturaj Gaikwad, CSK captain after the match. "(Powerplay) It's a major concern even in the bowling department. We are giving way 15-20 runs extra or losing too many wickets. We are trying but it's just not happening. I just think that we are slightly over concerned or tentative whoever is bowling in powerplay. And with the bat obviously you don't want to lose an extra wicket but it's just about being positive. I think it's about being on the back foot and not being on the toes. Everyone needs to come together to make things happen." **Brief scores:** DC 183/6 in 20 ovs (Rahul 77; Ahmed 2/25) **bt** CSK 158/5 in 20 ovs (Vijay 69 n.o; Vipraj 2/27).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MS Dhoni played a sedate innings as CKS lost to Delhi Capitals | ASHWIN PRASATH

Struggling SRH seek home balm

AFTER A HAPPY START, SUNRISERS HYDERABAD HAVE SLUMPED TO THREE BACK-TO-BACK DEFEATS. THEY'LL BE UP AGAINST THE IN-FORM GUJARAT TITANS AT HOME ON SUNDAY. TALKING POINTS...

Top guns need to fire for SRH

Travis Head, Abhishek Sharma, Ishan Kishan (aside from his ton in the opener) have failed to make impact and that has hurt SRH big time. If they get runs on the board, SRH's probability of finding a win will certainly soar.

SRH's average bowling

Apart from batting woes, SRH's bowlers have also been far from best and have gone for plenty of runs especially in the middle overs. Pat Cummins will be hoping to inspire the attack along with veteran Mohammad Shami, who had respectable outing in the last tie.

Spotlight on Sai Sudharsan

The GT opener's golden run is one of the reasons why GT have been doing well. The second-highest run-scorer so far with 186 runs will be looking to keep up his good form and take the match away from SRH.

Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Gujarat Titans, Hyderabad
LIVE ON STAR SPORTS & JIOHOTSTAR, 7.30 PM

Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal scored 67 off 45 balls for Rajasthan Royals | AFP

Jaiswal, Parag shine as RR beat PBKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

YASHASVI Jaiswal scored 67 off 45 balls as Rajasthan Royals recorded their second successive victory in the Indian Premier League on Saturday. Rajasthan inflicted Punjab Kings' first defeat of the season in Mullanpur on the day.

After being sent to bat first, Rajathan top-order batters, including Yashasvi, made an impressive start. Captain Sanju Samson chipped in with 38 runs (26 balls) while No 1 batter Riyan Parag cracked unbeaten 43 off 25 balls. Shimron Hetmyer and Dhruv Jurel also hit couple of sixes as Rajasthan posted 205/4. In reply, Punjab got off to a dreadful start and were reeling at 43/4 in the seventh over. However, Nehal Wadhera (62 off 41) and Glenn Maxwell (30 off 21) kept them interested. But once the duo was dismissed, it was all but over for Punjab. In the end, Punjab fell short by 50 runs.

Brief scores: RR 205/4 in 20 ovs (Jaiswal 67, Samson 38, Parag 43 n.o; Ferguson 2/37) **bt** PBKS 155/9 in 20 ovs (Wadhera 62, Maxwell 30; Archer 3/25; Theekshana 2/26).

EXPRESS READ

World Boxing Cup: Jamwal in 65 kg final

NEW DELHI: Abhinash Jamwal delivered a near perfect performance against Italy's Gianluigi Malanga to storm into the 65kg final of the World Boxing Cup in Brazil's Foz Do Iguacu city. The 22-year-old Indian won by unanimous verdict (5-0) on Friday. Four of the five judges awarded Jamwal a perfect 30.

Verstappen takes pole in Japanese Grand Prix

SUZUKA: Max Verstappen of Red Bull will start from pole position in the Japanese Grand Prix after turning in the top time in qualifying on Saturday in his final attempt. Lando Norris of McLaren will start alongside with teammate Oscar Piastri on the second row with Charles Leclerc of Ferrari. Verstappen claimed the pole on his final lap.

Fencer DQed for not facing 'transgender'

COLLEGE PARK: USA Fencing disqualified a fencer from a women's tournament in Maryland after she refused to face an opponent whom she says is transgender. Stephanie Turner was competing on March 30 in a USA Fencing-sanctioned regional tournament at the University of Maryland.

Real stumble at home to Valencia in La Liga

MADRID: Hugo Duro headed a winner in added time to give Valencia a 2-1 win at the Santiago Bernabeu and deal a blow to Real Madrid's Spanish title hopes. Duro, a former Real youth player, who came on as a second-half replacement, finished off a counter-attack to head the winner five minutes into added time.

Stay mentally tough: Coach advises Tilak after retired out call

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

RETIRING out Tilak Varma left everyone bewildered be it former cricketers-turned-pundits, die-hard fans or the childhood coach of the Hyderabad batter Salam Bayash. "It was beyond anyone's understanding," coach Salam told this daily. Playing as an impact player, Tilak was batting on 25 off 23 alongside skipper Hardik Pandya when the call was made. At that time, Mumbai Indians needed 24 from the last seven balls against hosts Lucknow Super Giants on Friday.

What followed was bizarre. As Tilak started walking back to the pavilion and New Zealand limited-overs skipper Mitchell Santner was getting in to replace him, Suryakumar Yadav, sitting in the MI dugout, looked visibly upset and apparently protested the move. Such was India's T20I skipper's displeasure that MI head coach Mahela Jayawardene reportedly had to rush towards him to explain the rationale behind the move.

For the record, the left-hand-batter from Hyderabad has the second-best batting average (49.93) in T20Is with only Sami Muhammad Sohail of Malawi, an associate member of ICC, ahead of him. Tilak's strike rate of 155.07 from 25 international matches is the best among the top five in the list that also includes star India batter Virat Kohli and Pakistan skipper Mohammad Rizwan.

The 22-year-old has been with the Mumbai franchise since 2022 scoring 1251 runs at a strike rate of 143.13. In T20Is, he is only the second India batter to hit two consecutive centuries after Sanju Samson.

Tilak Varma | AFP

"He (Tilak) usually calls me after every match and yesterday (Friday) too I got a call from him. I told him to focus on upcoming matches and not get upset with the decision. A lot depends on one's mindset and cricket is no different. If a player is mentally tough then he can navigate such challenges. I advised him to be mentally tough as being an international cricketer he will face such ups and downs quite often," added Bayash.

Quite a few former cricketers echoed the sentiments with ex-India opener Virender Sehwag particularly harsh with his views on the decision that made Varma only the fourth batter to get retired out in IPL. "I didn't understand why they got him to retire out," Sehwag told Cricbuzz post-match. "He had played 20-25 deliveries, yes his shots weren't connecting, but it's not like (Mitchell) Santner did something in the two balls he faced. If the last over was going to be faced by Hardik Pandya then why retire him?"

Varma usually bats at No 3 for India. For MI this season, Varma has batted twice at No 5 and once at No 3 in four matches. He didn't bat in Mumbai's match against Kolkata Knight Riders, the team's only win this season. He might be the second-leading scorer for the team this season (95 runs) with only Suryakumar ahead of him but his strike rate of 113.09 has been below par so far.

"He bats at No 3 for India. It gives him a chance to build his innings. Had Hardik or any other power hitter been in the dugout, the decision would have made sense to me but retiring him out for Santner is beyond any logic," signed off the coach.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Arsenal draw at Everton as league title hopes fade

AGENCIES @ Liverpool

ARSENAL'S small remaining hope of a first Premier League title for 21 years was further diminished after a 1-1 draw at Everton on Saturday. Leandro Trossard's opener for the Gunners was cancelled out by Iliman Ndiaye's penalty to leave Arsenal still 11 points behind Liverpool.

The Reds now need just 11 points from their remaining eight games to secure a record-equalling 20th English top-flight title. But the Spaniard showed he had one eye on the visit of the European champions with his team selection. Bukayo Saka was forced to wait for his first start since December as he was left on the bench alongside Martin Odegaard, Gabriel Martinelli, Jurrien Timber and Thomas Partey.

Results: Palace **2-1** Brighton; Ipswich **1-2** Wolves; West Ham **2-2** Bournemouth; Everton **1-1** Arsenal; Aston Villa **2-1** Nottm Forest.

Iliman Ndiaye of Everton celebrates his goal against Arsenal on Saturday | AFP

Lucky 13 for PSG

PARIS: Paris Saint-Germain clinched the Ligue 1 title on Saturday with a 1-0 win at home against Angers as they prepare for a Champions League quarterfinal showdown with Aston Villa. PSG now have a tally of 13 league titles, three more than Saint-Etienne.

Sift saves best for last to bag 1st World Cup gold

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

SIFT Kaur Samra was in a spot of bother during the early stages of her competition at the Tiro Federal Argentino de Buenos Aires Shooting Range in Buenos Aires in the late afternoon (early Saturday morning IST) on Friday. But she made a remarkable comeback to capture her first gold medal at the ISSF World Cup.

The lone Indian to have earned a spot in the eight-woman 50m 3 positions final of the ongoing World Cup in Argentina, Sift was fighting for survival during kneeling — the first stage of the final. While Sift continued to err, the rest of the pack continued to thrive and widen the gap. After kneeling, Sift was bottom of the list — 3.5 off the No 7 shooter and a sizeable 7.2 off the leader.

But that's not a new territory for the 23-year-old, who has made a habit of strong comebacks. In the second stage (prone, where the shooters lie flat on their stomach), Sift began to find her range and gradually gained ground on the rest. Despite a marked improvement, she was still last after the prone stage. However, Sift had saved the best for last. Like a Marvel superhero gaining their super power, Sift was a different beast in the final stage (standing). After 10 shots of standing, Sift had flipped the narrative upside down. From a position of no hope, she had captured the coveted gold, a first for the country in the ongoing edition,

Germany's Anita Mangold and Kazakhstan's Arina Altukhova captured silver and bronze, respectively.

After a subdued outing in the 2024 Paris Games, this is some sort of a comeback for Sift. The world record holder was visibly pleased with the final outcome. "It's my first gold at the senior level and it feels amazing. A new place (Argentina) and a new World Cup and a new beginning of 2025," Sift said while speaking to ISSF later.

"When it was kneeling, it was so bad. But I did not lose hope and I knew we can do it until the last shot. I have had this experience in the past, not doing well in kneeling but ending up doing good. But yes, I will work on kneeling more so that I can be first from start to finish," she added. It was certainly a performance that lifted the spirits of Deepali Deshpande, the national rifle head coach, who has been overseeing Sift's training for some time. "Prone and standing had always been her strength. Many times she has done this (fightback), pulled up her performance after a slow start. Yesterday (Friday), kneeling was really bad, prone was normal, it wasn't extraordinary, but it helped her get closer to other shooters. Standing was incredible. She shot extremely well while others were extremely bad. That helped her. I knew she would be in medal hunt but I was not sure about the gold," Deepali told this daily from Buenos Aires.

Sift's gold capped off a positive day for India. Chain Singh had captured bronze hours before Sift's effort.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

SILVER MEDAL FOR PISTOL SHOOTER ESHA

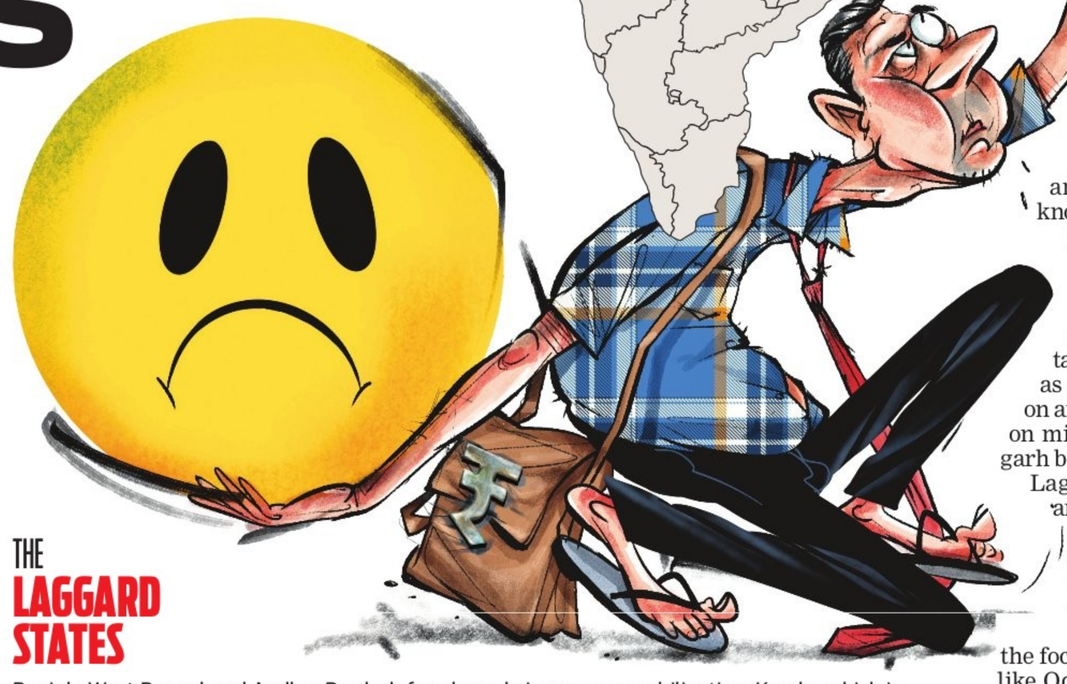
On Saturday, pistol shooter Esha Singh added another medal to India's kitty by finishing second in the women's 25m pistol final. India now have three medals in the World Cup. Manu Bhaker finished sixth.

THE TOP FOUR IN THE INDEX

Odisha, Jharkhand, Goa and Chhattisgarh have effectively mobilised non-tax sources. Their own non-tax revenue as a percentage of total revenue was 21% on average, with Odisha relying on mining-linked premiums and Chhattisgarh benefitting from coal block auctions

FISCAL HEALTH INDEX

SHOWING A MIRROR TO STATES



THE LAGGARD STATES

Punjab, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh fared poorly in revenue mobilisation. Kerala, which is among the four worst performers in the index, scored 4 out of 100 in terms of quality of expenditure

SOURAV ROY

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

KERALA — a state with first world social indicators — has for years come under severe criticism for fiscal mismanagement. The state, which maintains a high fiscal deficit (revised estimate of 3.5% in FY25), scores poorly in quality of expenditure, and debt sustainability.

The state's committed expenditure — salaries, pension and interest payments — account for 55% of its total expenditure (as per revised estimate for FY25). It spent a tiny sum of ₹14,000 crore out of total expenditure budget of ₹1.79 lakh crore, or just 8% of its total expenditure in FY25. Interest payments gobble up 22% of Kerala's net receipt. Its total outstanding debt is 33% of the GSDP (compared to 15% in Gujarat, 18% in Maharashtra and 26% in Tamil Nadu) and fiscal deficit is 3.5% (compared to less than 3% in many better fiscally-run states).

No wonder in a recent event, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that states which consider themselves developed are ridden with debt.

With these stats, it is no surprise that Kerala ranks among the lowest in the Niti Aayog's latest Fiscal Health Index 2025, which was released recently. Kerala ranks among the worst four states in the index, which according to the Niti Aayog is 'a valuable tool for assessing the fiscal performance of Indian states'. Most southern states have cut a sorry figure on the index – which ranks 18 Indian states for their fiscal performance based on a set of five key indicators.

All about the index

Niti Aayog, the government think tank that has replaced the erstwhile Planning Commission, has launched the index to evolve an understanding of the fiscal health of states in India, and assess their fiscal sustainability in the long term.

According to Niti Aayog, states account for two-thirds of public spending and one-third of total revenue. It is imperative to ensure fiscal well-being of states for achieving long-term fiscal sustainability and overall economic growth of the country. The need to closely monitor states' finances gave rise to the idea of creating a Fiscal Health Index.

The index gauges fiscal performance of states on five broad parameters — revenue generation and mobilisation, quality of expenditure, debt management, fiscal deficit management and overall fiscal sustainability.

The quality of expenditure parameter sees how states are allocating money on developmental and infrastructure projects for long-term economic growth. The more the spending on creating — social and economic — the better a state's performance.

Revenue mobilisation ranks states on their ability to generate their own tax and non-tax revenue. Many states depend largely on Central devolution of taxes and grants for their fiscal needs. However, better performing states should be able to generate enough revenue on their own to minimise dependence on Central grants and taxes.

Fiscal deficit management is a straightforward way of judging a state's performance on fiscal deficit and revenue deficit as a percentage of GDP. Fiscal deficit happens when the government's spending surpasses its income, and to manage this gap, it has to borrow. Revenue deficit is a situation when the state's revenue is not good enough to finance its operational costs — pay salaries, pensions and interest. As per the Fiscal Responsibilities and Budget Management Act (FRBM), the states can have a maximum fiscal deficit of 3% of the Gross State Development Product (GSDP).

The debt management parameter necessarily considers what percentage of the state's revenue receipt is used in paying interest and what is the outstanding debt vis-a-vis the size of the state's economy.

Finally, the overall fiscal sustainability measures the state's economic growth rate in comparison to the growth in interest rate payments. Each parameter is ascribed a score of 100, and the overall rank is arrived at by taking the mean of the scores based on the five indicators.

The results

The Fiscal Health Index 2025, that measures the fiscal performance of states for the financial year 2022-23, throws up some surprising results. Odisha emerged as the best fiscally-governed states outdoing even Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka, which are perceived to be better-run states.

Odisha excels in managing its debt and interest cost, does exceptionally well in revenue mobilisation (only Goa and Telangana score better on this parameter), while performing better in quality of spending than most states. The other surprises are mineral-rich states like Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand – both traditionally not known for fiscally-prudent states. Yet they figure in the top five with Goa and Gujarat.

The top four in the index — Odisha, Jharkhand, Goa, and Chhattisgarh — have effectively mobilised non-tax sources. Their own non-tax revenue as a percentage of total revenue was 21% on an average, with Odisha relying heavily on mining-linked premiums and Chhattisgarh benefitting from coal block auctions.

Laggard states like Punjab, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh fared poorly in revenue mobilisation. Kerala, which is among the four worst performers in the index, scored 4 out of 100 in terms of quality of expenditure.

When it comes to quality of spending, the focus is on capital expenditure. In states like Odisha, MP, Karnataka, Goa and Uttar Pradesh, capex constituted on an average 27% of the developmental expenditure, while West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan spent only 10% of the developmental expenditure on capex.

Apart from analysing the performance of states in FY23, the FHI also provided past analysis for different periods between 2014-15 to 2021-22 to see improvement made by states in the past decade. Odisha, Goa, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh have been the consistent performers, while Jharkhand has been the most improved state, jumping from 10th rank to 4th. Karnataka has seen its performance taking the biggest hit, falling from 4th rank to 10th largely due to poor performance on the quality of spending parameter.

Sorry southern state of affairs

Curiously, most South Indian states performed poorly in managing their finances. Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu ranked the worst among southern states, scoring below 30 out of 100, and failed to make it to the top 10 in fiscal performance.

Andhra Pradesh and Kerala were among the poorest performers nationwide, alongside Punjab and West Bengal, all facing severe fiscal challenges.

Kerala and Punjab struggle with low expenditure quality and debt sustainability, while Andhra Pradesh grapples with high fiscal deficits.

Tamil Nadu performed relatively better in its own revenue generation but lagged in expenditure quality and fiscal deficit. In 2022-23, the state's committed expenditure accounted for 52% of revenue spending, limiting flexibility for developmental outlays. The Aayog noted that this share has risen 9.9% annually since 2018-19, with subsidies forming a major part of non-committed expenditure.

Karnataka's rank fell from 3rd (2014-15 to 2021-22) to 10th (2022-23), dragged down by weak expenditure quality and debt sustainability. Meanwhile, Telangana emerged as the best-performing southern state, owing to strong revenue mobilisation and fiscal prudence.

Southern states have been continuously sparring with the Centre for depriving them of funds, an allegation that the Union government has refuted time and again. Instead, it has pointed out the bad fiscal management by some of the Southern states, particularly Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Recent trend

An analysis of recent trends shows that the fiscal deficit of the states on an aggregate basis have remained moderate at 2.9% so far in FY25, sharply lower than the revised estimate of 3.5%. The improvement is on account of a cut back on both revenue and capital expenditure.

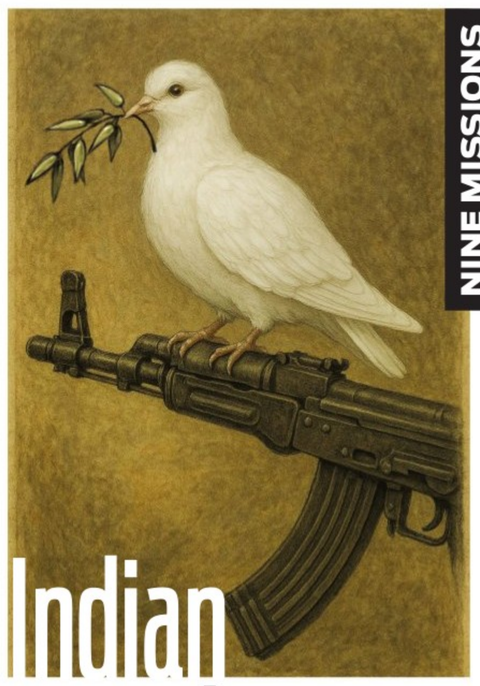
An analysis by IDFC First Bank economic research shows that expenditure quality has deteriorated with capital expenditure accounting for 14.3% of overall expenditure in FY25 (12-month trailing sum) against 15.8% in FY24. In FY25, the highest capital expenditure (as % of GSDP) is seen in Odisha, MP, Jharkhand and Bihar, according to the IDFC First Bank analysis.

The FHI shows that though states like UP and Bihar have shown tremendous improvement in quality of spending and debt management, they are still struggling on parameters like revenue generation. These insights might help policymakers both at the state and Central levels to pay special attention to areas where the states are lagging.

The fiscal health of the states is key to the success of the sustainable economic growth target of the country. The 16th Finance Commission report notes that states must partner with the Union government for consolidation of debt and firmly place India's sovereign debt-to-GDP ratio on a sustainable footing in the medium term.

It further says that states must partner with the Union government in developing new ways to support their residents, the economy as a whole and India's global engagements.

Hopefully, the Fiscal Health Index results would serve as a reminder for states to keep their extravagant ways in check. This assumes significance amid announcements of all kinds of cash transfer schemes by political parties in the run up to elections. Some of the states will be spending as high as 2.5% of their GSDP on such schemes.



peacekeeping option in Ukraine mix

As global tensions escalate, India's role as a peacekeeping powerhouse takes centre stage, backed by a storied legacy of service and sacrifice

Location	India's contribution
Golan Heights	Logistics Battalion with 188 personnel for logistics security
Lebanon	Infantry battalion group with 762 personnel and 18 staff officers
West Asia	Military observers and support staff
Cyprus	Deployment of officers as staff and military observers
Congo	Infantry battalions, medical units, and support staff
South Sudan	Infantry battalion, medical personnel, and engineering units
Abyei	Military observers and staff officers
Central African Republic	Formed Police Units and military observers
Western Sahara	Deployment of military observers

A stamp was issued in 2004 in commemoration of Indian soldiers who fought for world peace. India also issued a souvenir sheet honouring its army's participation in UN peacekeeping operations

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OUTSPOKEN Congress leader Shashi Tharoor recently suggested that India could consider sending peacekeepers to Ukraine if and when peace descends on its border with Russia following maverick US President Donald Trump coaxing both sides to end their horrible three-year old war.

Speaking at a Raisina Dialogue panel discussion on a session titled 'Waging Peace: Looking Back to Look Ahead', Tharoor created a mild flutter by admitting he was wrong in carping at the Modi government in 2022 for abstaining from a US-sponsored resolution that condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Three years down the line, India's strategy worked. "I guess I have egg on my face now!" he said, adding: "Only India has a prime minister who can hug the presidents of Russia and Ukraine two weeks apart—few other countries can!" It made tongues wag.

Tharoor's suggestion came in the context of Russia ruling out European peacekeepers from NATO countries. Russia had pushed back after British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron's efforts for a peacekeeping plan drew support from over 30 European nations.

"Look beyond Europe for your peacekeeping, that is where India could come in," Tharoor said during the session. If there is a peace deal, there would be some willingness on the Indian side to consider sending peacekeepers, he opined.

Not so fast

Responding to Tharoor's suggestion, a senior government official said, the process can start only if the UN makes the proposal to India. If it does, it would initiate internal deliberations involving multiple stakeholders. "This cannot happen so soon as deployment of additional troops abroad implies reduction of soldiers from formations elsewhere in India," the officer said.

Deployments of peacekeepers are made after memorandums of understanding (MoU) are signed between the UN and India. In India, the ministries of external affairs and defence play a crucial role in taking the matter forward once the MoU is signed.

Modern peacekeeping

UN peacekeeping is a key mechanism to maintain global peace and security. It operates alongside other UN efforts, including conflict prevention, peacemaking, peace enforcement, and peacebuilding. UN peacekeeping missions are deployed to support ceasefires and peace agreements. However, modern peacekeeping has evolved into a multidimensional effort that goes beyond military presence. It involves facilitating political processes, protecting civilians, disarmament, demobilisation, and reintegration (DDR), election support apart from promoting justice, accountability and governance reforms in the trouble-torn nations they are deployed.

UN peacekeeping began in 1948 with the establishment of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in West Asia to monitor ceasefires. Initially, peacekeeping missions were unarmed and focused on observation and mediation. The end of the Cold War in the 1990s saw an expansion in both the number and scope of peacekeeping operations. The UN began deploying multidimensional missions that combined military, political, and humanitarian efforts, addressing civil conflicts, supporting governance, and protecting human rights.

India's contribution

India has a long history of serving in UN peacekeeping, dating back to its participation in the UN operation in Korea in 1953. "At the heart of our foreign policy lies a commitment to peacekeeping—rooted in dialogue, diplomacy, and cooperation. Guided by the philosophy of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, the belief that the world is one family, India will continue to contribute meaningfully to the cause of UN peacekeeping," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently said.

Since the 1950s, India has sent over 2,90,000 peacekeepers to more than 50 missions worldwide, making it the largest contributor to UN peacekeeping efforts. At present, over 5,200 Indian troops serve in nine of the 11 active missions, often in dangerous and hostile regions. Nearly 180 Indian peacekeepers lost their lives while on duty.

In Congo, Indian personnel provide infantry support, medical aid, and aviation assistance, with notable figures like Major Radhika Sen earning laurels for her impactful community engagement. In Lebanon, Indian peacekeepers operate as infantry units and medical teams, crucial in maintaining regional stability.

In South Sudan, Indian troops engage in engineering, humanitarian assistance, and medical services, significantly contributing to rebuilding infrastructure and providing essential services.

India also maintains a presence in the Golan Heights, ensuring ceasefire compliance between Israel and Syria through logistics and observer roles. Indian peacekeepers are also serving in Western Sahara, the Middle East, Cyprus and the Central African Republic. Beyond field deployments, Indian officers hold strategic roles at the United Nations Department of Peace Operations headquarters in New York.

Deployment of women

In 2007, India deployed the first-ever all-female Formed Police Unit (FPU) to Liberia, a move that not only enhanced local security but also empowered Liberian women to participate more actively in their nation's security sectors. This pioneering initiative increased women's participation in security sectors over the years.

India's current deployment includes 54 women officers, 18 women from the Military Nursing Service, and 59 women of other ranks. They serve across six critical missions, including those in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Lebanon, Golan Heights, Western Sahara, and Abyei that has special administrative status. Abyei is on the border between the restive South Sudan and Sudan. Major Radhika Sen was named the "Military Gender Advocate of the Year 2023" by the UN Headquarters, recognising the significant contributions of Indian women to UN peacekeeping efforts.

Training and capacity building

India's Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK), established by the Indian Army in New Delhi, serves as the focal point for UN peacekeeping training. Annually, it trains over 12,000 troops.

Some peacekeeping missions where Indians were deployed by UN

1. **Korea (1950-54)** India deployed a paramedical unit to facilitate the withdrawal of sick and wounded in Korea
2. **Congo (1960-64)** Provided two infantry brigades and a flight of six Canberra bomber aircraft to the UN ops in the Congo
3. **Lebanon (1998 onwards)** One infantry battalion group and a Level II Hospital
4. **Sudan:** India contributed two infantry battalion groups, sector HQ, engineer company, signal company, and Level-II Hospital
5. **Cambodia (1992-93):** India contributed 1,373 personnel to the UN Transitional Authority there
6. **Mozambique (1992-94)** Provided two engineer companies, HQ company, logistics company, staff officers, and military observers to the UN Operation in Mozambique
7. **Somalia (1993-94)** Deployed a Brigade Group comprising 5,000 personnel and four battleships to the UN ops
8. **Rwanda (1994-96)** Contributed an Infantry Battalion group, signal company, engineer company, staff officers, and Military Observers to the UN Assistance Mission
9. **Angola (1989-99)** Provided an Infantry Battalion group, engineer company, and Military Observers to the UN Angola Verification Mission
10. **Sierra Leone (1999-2001)** Contributed two Infantry Battalion groups, two engineer companies, Quick Reaction company, Attack helicopter unit, medical unit, and logistic support to the UN Mission in Sierra Leone
11. **Haiti (2004-17)** Contributed Formed Police Units from various police forces